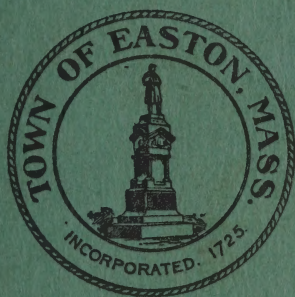
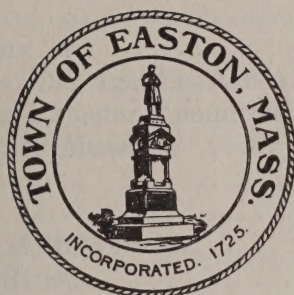


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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1939

SELECTMEN

Edgar W. Baldwin, Chairman
Albert E. Wood
Alphon N. J. Carlson

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Albert E. Wood, Chairman
Edgar W. Baldwin
Alphon N. J. Carlson

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Albert E. Wood, Chairman
Edgar W. Baldwin
Margaret E. Harvey

ASSESSORS OF TAXES

Frank C. Wade, Chairman	Term expires 1940
Joseph W. Linehan	Term expires 1942
Augustus Hopkins	Term expires 1941

TOWN CLERK, TREASURER, AND TAX COLLECTOR

Harry R. Franklin

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Winifred Cunningham

MODERATOR

Leo M. Harlow

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Frank E. Wilbur

CONSTABLES

Arthur B. Briggs

George A. Pierson

INSPECTORS OF SLAUGHTERING

George Carr

J. Clinton Goward

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

J. Clinton Goward

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Patrick J. Readdy

INSPECTOR OF MILK

Leo J. Fitzpatrick

CHIEF OF POLICE

Herbert S. Berglund

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cornelius P. Dailey

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Arthur F. Anderson, Chairman	Term expires 1940
Wilfred P. Keith	Term expires 1942
Roger A. McNamara	Term expires 1942
Alice K. Briggs	Term expires 1941
Horace H. Mitchell	Term expires 1941

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gilbert C. Mann

BOARD OF HEALTH

David J. O'Connell, Chairman	Term expires 1942
Cora M. Hennigar	Term expires 1940
Robert B. Porter, M.D.	Term expires 1941

TREE WARDEN

Roscoe W. Melendy

SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

Roscoe W. Melendy

FOREST WARDEN

Cornelius P. Dailey

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

John M. Smith

DOG OFFICER

John W. Chillingworth

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Luther E. Swift, Chairman	Term expires 1941
John J. Galvin	Term expires 1942
Sigfrid V. Ledin	Term expires 1940

WARDEN AND MATRON AT TOWN INFIRMARY

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Arnold

MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

John S. Ames, Jr.
Walfrid J. G. Broman
Horace C. Brown, Jr.
Harris A. DeWitt
Raymond E. Harvey
Kenneth C. Hayward
John A. Henderson
John B. Howard
Daniel L. Kent
Neubert B. Morse
Martin E. Reynolds
C. Bateman Swasey
Robert G. Watt
F. Ellis White
Myron F. Williams

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1939

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol, ss.

To the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the sixth day of March next, at eight o'clock P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, and Tree Warden.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1940, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover certain unpaid bills and overdrafts of previous years.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day to be expended under the direction of Elijah A. Morse Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George S. Shepard Post No. 7, American Legion, George F. Schindler Post No. 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 6. To see what action the Town will take with reference to authorizing the Board of Selectmen to hire a clerk for the Boards of Selectmen and Public Welfare, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Welfare or Board of Old Age Assistance to appoint one of their members to the position of investigator, and determine his compensation to be paid from grant of Federal aid.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the lay-out of Massapoag Avenue from the Sharon line to Poquanticut Avenue as made by the Selectmen and shown on plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, to be constructed with the State and County, and the Town's share of expenses to be paid from the Highway appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to elect at the annual Town Meeting in March, 1940, one Selectman for the term of one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter elect one Selectman each year for a term of three years. (By request of Finance Committee.)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to elect at the annual Town Meeting in March, 1940, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for the term of one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter elect one member of the Board of Public Welfare each year for a term

of three years. (By request of Finance Committee.)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate moneys to defray the cost of constructing Seaver Street south of its present ending in accordance with the plans on file with the Town Clerk and as accepted by the Town at the 1926 Town Meeting, under Article 7. (By petition.)

ARTICLE 12. To see what action the Town of Easton will take with reference to raising and appropriating money for the purpose of defraying the expense of building a hard-surfaced sidewalk on the westerly or easterly side of Washington Street in said Easton between Dailey's Corner, so-called, in North Easton and Central Street in South Easton. (By petition.)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 103-A of Chapter fifty-four (54) of the General Laws relating to "Absentee Voting at Annual Town Election." (By petition of John F. Dailey and others.)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Welfare to employ a Public Welfare Investigator; the salary and expense of said investigator, if so voted to be taken from the Public Welfare Appropriation; the Board of Public Welfare to determine the duties, salary and expense allowance of said investigator. (By petition of John F. Dailey and others.)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 111-A of Chapter forty-one (41) of the General Laws, relating to the granting of a vacation of not less than two weeks during each year of their employment, without loss of pay, to the regular or permanent members of the Police Department. (By petition of John F. Dailey and others.)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of nine (9) citizens to be selected from every section of the Town to study the feasibility of the Town adopting the "Town Manager Form of

Government;" this committee to report its findings at any Special Town Meeting that may be called, or at the next Annual Town Meeting. (By petition of John F. Dailey and others.)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding at the end of Article three (3) entitled "Financial Affairs," the following new section:

"Whenever any appropriation shall have been expended or whenever, in the judgment of the Town Accountant, it appears that the liabilities incurred against any appropriation may be in excess of the unexpended balance thereof, he shall immediately notify the Selectmen and the Board, Committee, Head of Department or officer authorized to make expenditures therefrom, and no claim against such appropriation shall be allowed nor any further liability incurred until the Town makes provision for its payment."

(By petition of John F. Dailey and others.)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding at the end of Section one (1) of Article four (4) entitled "Legal Affairs," the following:

"Town Counsel shall draft all legal instruments and do every professional act which may be required of him by vote of the Town or any Board or Town Officers. Also when required by said boards or any committee of the Town, he shall furnish a written opinion on any legal question that may be submitted to him and he shall at all times furnish legal advice to any officer of the town who may require his opinion upon any subject concerning the office of such person."

and further amend Article four (4) by adding at the end of Section two (2) the following:

"Town counsel shall prosecute all suits by the Town, and shall defend all actions or suits brought against the Town or its officers in their official capacity. He shall try and argue any and all cases in which the Town shall be a party, before any tribunal, or before any Board of Referees or Commissioners."

(By petition of John F. Dailey and others.)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adopting the following:

"No person shall solicit money on any public way or other public place, or go from house to house for the purpose of soliciting money, or sell any tag, badge, or other article of any intrinsic value, for the purpose of obtaining money, without first having obtained permission so to do from the Chief of Police."

(By petition of John F. Dailey and others.)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adopting the following:

"No person shall wilfully deface or injure any public playground, planting space, flower bed, grass border, guidepost or guideboard, lamp post or lamp or lantern, or any building, fence, or monument or tablet or other thing situated, erected, or made for the use or ornament of the town."

(By petition of John F. Dailey and others.)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that all Town officers, elected or appointed, having the control of and expenditure of public money, shall display greater concern and acumen in the expending of funds placed in their trust by the taxpayer and seriously review and be

guided by the statutory laws and provisions governing their every act, and make conscientious effort to practise sensible and simple economy consistent with the conditions prevailing to the end that a lower tax burden shall result."

(By petition of John F. Dailey and others.)

ARTICLE 22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections, residing in Precinct One to meet at the Town Hall, those residing in Precinct Two to meet at the Ames Memorial Hall, and those residing in Precinct Three to meet at the South Easton Schoolhouse on Monday the thirteenth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to bring in their votes, all on one ballot, for one member of the Board of Assessors for a term of three years and one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years, and two members of the School Committee for a term of three years, Moderator, three Selectmen, three members of the Board of Public Welfare, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Tree Warden, and a Finance Committee of fifteen, all for a term of one year.

The polls will be open at ten o'clock A. M. and shall be closed at eight o'clock P. M.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each meeting house and post office in said town, and one at the Town Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting, and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required

to make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of officers elected, at close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.

EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
AUGUSTUS HOPKINS,
Selectmen of Easton.

Easton, Massachusetts,
February 25, 1939.

Bristol, ss.

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day served the within warrant.

ARTHUR B. BRIGGS,
Constable of Easton.

A true copy of the warrant and return thereon.

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1939

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P. M. and the warrant read by the Moderator, Leo M. Harlow.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen.

Voted to accept the report of the Assessors.

Voted to accept the report of the Board of Public Welfare.

Voted to accept the report of the Board of Health.

Voted to accept the report of the Town Clerk

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer

Voted to accept the report of the Collector of Taxes.

Voted to accept the report of the School Committee.

Voted to accept the report of the Town Accountant.

Voted to accept the report of the Tree Warden.

ARTICLE 2. Mr. Neubert B. Morse, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the recommendations of the committee, and the following appropriations were voted for the year 1939.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550.00 for Assessors' Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 for salary of the Assistant to the Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for Aid to Dependent Children.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90.00 for Dog Officer.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275.00 for Election Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the Emergency Fund.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the Fire Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Forest Warden's Salary.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Health Department.

TOWN OF EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE STATION TELEPHONES

North Easton Station—420

South Easton Station—411

Chief Cornelius P. Dailey—Tel. 95

FIRE ALARM BOXES

- 21—Center St. near Leach's Greenhouse
- 23—Center St. and Columbus Avenue
- 24—Center St. DeWitt's Lumber Yard (Private)
- 25—Center and Day St.
- 26—Junction Main, Center and Lincoln Streets
- 27—Sheridan and Day Street
- 28—Sheridan and Columbus Avenue
- 29—Barrows Street at High School
- 31—Main at Shovel Works
- 32—Oliver Street near Railroad
- 34—Elm and Pleasant Street
- 36—North Main and Canton Street
- 37—North Main and Holmes Street
- 41—Corner Mechanic and Andrews Street
- 42—Pond Street at McFarland's
- 43—Main Street, Langwater Farm
- 45—Elm Street at Mullen Road
- 46—Mrs. William Ames (Private)
- 47—John S. Ames Barn (Private)
- 51—Corner Main and Williams Street
- 53—Corner Williams and Reynolds Street
- 54—Seaver Street opposite Kennedy Residence
- 56—Main Street near McFarland's Greenhouse
- 57—Main Street at Oliver Ames Estate
- 59—Corner Main and Seaver Streets
- 62—Lincoln Street at Standpipe
- 63—Lincoln Street at Frank H. Maliff's
- 311—Mrs. L. A. Frothingham (Private)
- 332—Washington Street between Main and Elm
- 334—Washington Street at Elm
- 335—Unionville School
- 336—Corner Washington and Union Street
- 337—Washington Street near Cappy's
- 338—Union Street at Knapp's
- 339—Elm Street at Marshall's
- 442—Washington Street at Dailey's Corner
- 7-7—Repeated—Forest Fire Call
- 3—Blasts on Whistle—Squad Call
- 1-1—Recall

DISTRICT CALLS

- 3-3—Unionville District
- 4-4—South Easton and Eastondale District
- 5-5—Easton Center and Furnace District
- 6-6—Bay Road and Poquanticut District
- 2-2-2—Repeated—No School
- 2-2-2—At 7:15 a. m. No School all day Junior and Senior High
- 2-2-2—At 7:30 a. m. No School all day in all Elementary grades
- 2-2-2—At 12:45 p. m. No School afternoon at Grammar School, North Easton



Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for Inspector of Animals.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$327.00 for Interest on Notes.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90.00 for Incidentals.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Legal Services.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the Moth Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for Old Age Assistance.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$991.00 for Pensions.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,600.00 for the Police Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for Public Welfare.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000.00 for the Road Department; \$6,000.00 of the appropriation to be used for Purchase of Tar, \$4,000.00 for the Road Machinery Account, and \$500.00 for Snow Removal in December, 1939.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for Expense of Registrars of Voters.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225.00 for Salaries of Registrars of Voters.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$875.00 for Rent of Town Offices.

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$84,100.00 for the School Department; a motion to amend by

substituting the sum of \$75,000.00 failed to pass; it was then voted to raise and appropriate \$84,100.00 for the School Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the account of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for Soldiers' Relief.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Selectmen's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120.00 for State Aid.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for Tax Collector's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for Town Accountant's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for Town Accountant's Salary.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Town Clerk's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for Town Infirmary.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,265.00 for Town Officers' Salaries, as follows:

Selectmen	\$750.00
Assessors of Taxes	1,200.00
Town Clerk	800.00
Collector of Taxes	960.00
Treasurer	480.00
Board of Public Welfare	750.00
Moderator	25.00
Board of Health	300.00
Total	\$5,265.00

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for Town Physician's Salary.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$515.00 for Town Treasurer's Expense.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Tree Department.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$426.40 for Town Reports.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 for Rent of the Fire Station.

A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for W. P. A. Project Funds. An amendment was adopted providing that the funds be used for material only and not for personal services. After further discussion, the amendment was reconsidered, and it was then voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for Works Progress Administration Project Funds.

ARTICLE 3. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time on and after January 1, 1940, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1940, and to issue a note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 4. A motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,089.81 to pay certain unpaid bills of previous years was defeated. Reconsideration was then voted, and the sum of \$3,089.81 was raised and appropriated to pay unpaid bills of previous years as follows:

Schools	\$316.60
Public Welfare	1,101.78
Soldiers' Relief	5.00

Cemeteries	9.79
Fire Department	993.03
Assessors' Expense	56.75
W. P. A.	349.30
Highways	105.34
Town Hall	140.55
Infirmary	11.20
Incidentals	.47
Total	\$3,089.81

ARTICLE 5. A motion was made to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for Memorial Day and Armistice Day, to be expended under the direction of Elijah A. Morse Camp, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George S. Shepard Post No. 7, American Legion, and George F. Schindler Post No. 2547, Veterans of Foreign Wars. An amendment was adopted, increasing the sum to \$360.00, to allow for the marking and flagging of the graves of deceased soldiers of the Massachusetts State Guard, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Clause 12, Chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 132 of the Acts of 1936. The sum of \$360.00 was then raised and appropriated under this article.

ARTICLE 6. Article dismissed.

ARTICLE 7. Voted to authorize the Board of Public Welfare to appoint one of their members to the position of Investigator, and allow compensation of \$200.00 from grant of federal aid.

ARTICLE 8. Voted to accept the lay-out of Massapoag Avenue from the Sharon line to Poquanticut Avenue as made by the Selectmen and shown on plan on file in the office of the Town Clerk, to be constructed in conjunction with the State and County, the Town's share of expenses to be paid from the regular Highway appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. Voted to dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 10. Voted to dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 11. Voted to authorize the construction of Seaver Street south of its present ending in accordance with plans on file with the Town Clerk and as accepted at the 1926 Town Meeting under Article 7, the money for this purpose to come from the Highway appropriation or a W. P. A. grant.

ARTICLE 12. Voted that a committee be appointed to investigate the costs and the rights of constructing a hard-surfaced sidewalk on the westerly or easterly side of Washington Street between Dailey's Corner, so-called, in North Easton and Central Street in South Easton, and report at the next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 13. Voted to accept Section 103A of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, relating to "Absentee Voting at Annual Town Elections."

ARTICLE 14. Voted to dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 15. Voted to accept Section 111A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, relating to the granting of a vacation of not less than two weeks, during each year of their employment, without loss of pay, to the regular or permanent members of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 16. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of nine citizens, to be selected from every section of the town, to consider the question of adopting the "Town Manager Form of Government," the committee to report at the next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 17. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws by adding at the end of Article 3, entitled "Financial Affairs," the following new section:

"Whenever any appropriation shall have been expended or whenever, in the judgment of the Town

Accountant, it appears that the liabilities incurred against any appropriation may be in excess of the unexpended balance thereof, he shall immediately notify the Selectmen and the board, committee, head of department or officer authorized to make expenditures therefrom, and no claim against such appropriation shall be allowed nor any further liability incurred until the Town makes provision for its payment."

ARTICLE 18. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws by adding at the end of Section 1 of Article 4, entitled "Legal Affairs," the following.

"Town Counsel shall draft all legal instruments and do every professional act which may be required of him by vote of the Town or any board or Town officers. Also when required by said boards or any committee of the Town, he shall furnish a written opinion on any legal question that may be submitted to him and he shall at all times furnish legal advice to any officer of the town who may require his opinion upon any subject concerning the office of such person."

and further amend Article 4 by adding at the end of Section 2 the following:

"Town Counsel shall prosecute all suits by the Town, and shall defend all actions or suits brought against the Town or its officers in their official capacity. He shall try and argue any and all cases in which the Town shall be a party, before any tribunal, or before any Board of Referees or Commissioners."

ARTICLE 19. Leave to withdraw granted (the article being in conflict with State laws).

ARTICLE 20. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws by adopting the following:

"No person shall wilfully deface or injure any public playground, planting space, flower bed, grass border, guide-post or guide-board, lamp post, or lamp or lantern, or any building, fence or monument or tablet or other thing situated, erected, or made for the use or ornament of the Town."

ARTICLE 21. Voted to adopt the following resolution:

"Resolved, that all Town Officers, elected or appointed, having the control of and expenditure of public money, shall display greater concern and acumen in the expending of funds placed in their trust by the taxpayer, and seriously review and be guided by the statutory laws and provisions governing their every act, and make conscientious effort to practise sensible and simple economy consistent with the conditions prevailing to the end that a lower tax burden shall result."

ARTICLE 22. No action taken under this article.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,

Town Clerk.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, MARCH 13, 1939

In accordance with the warrant, the voters of the town met at their respective polling places on Monday, March 13, 1939.

The following persons were duly sworn and performed the duties of election officers:

Precinct One—Alfred W. Heath, Warden; Clifton C. Ripley, Clerk; Jennie N. Goss, Deputy Clerk; Hazel M. Harvey, Raymond W. Webber, Emily L. Wry, Michael J. Canty, Tellers.

Precinct TWO—John M. Smith, Warden; Charles F. Ladd, Deputy Warden; Mildred Healey, Clerk; John W. Mahoney, Deputy Clerk; James O'Neil, George Carter, Thomas P. Long, Beulah I. Broman, Emma L. Keith, Esther V. Lawson, Francis J. Callahan, Tellers.

Precinct Three—Harry T. Howard, Warden; Jessie G. Nickerson, Deputy Warden; Myrtle L. Prior, Clerk; Esther M. Fenwick, Deputy Clerk; Gladys W. Alger, Glendon Howard, Katherine P. Meade, Bernice E. McLeod, Stephen E. Southworth, Tellers.

The polls opened at ten o'clock A. M. and closed at eight o'clock P. M.

The number of ballots cast in Precinct One was two hundred seventy; in Precinct Two, thirteen hundred nine; in Precinct Three, three hundred fifty-four; total vote, nineteen hundred thirty-three.

The result of the election was as follows:

SELECTMEN (three)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Edgar W. Baldwin	183	554	226	963
Francis H. Bussey	9	58	9	76
Alphon N. J. Carlson	185	512	208	905
Ralph D. Dorgan	32	28	24	84
Carlton B. Gibbs	10	34	3	47
Augustus Hopkins	165	465	214	844
Frank J. Reynolds	43	454	35	532
Richard H. Southworth	42	178	116	336
Albert E. Wood	67	770	113	950
Blanks	74	874	114	1062

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (three)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Edgar W. Baldwin	187	541	225	953
Francis H. Bussey	9	56	9	74
Alphon N. J. Carlson	185	499	208	892
Ralph D. Dorgan	32	30	22	84
Carlton B. Gibbs	9	34	3	46
Augustus Hopkins	172	448	209	829
Frank J. Reynolds	40	453	35	528
Richard H. Southworth	42	177	108	327
Albert E. Wood	58	745	105	908
Blanks	76	944	138	1158

ASSESSOR

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Edgar W. Baldwin	73	141	97	311
Alphon N. J. Carlson	72	201	97	370
Carlton B. Gibbs	6	3	0	9
Joseph W. Linehan	57	516	74	647
Albert E. Wood	30	287	49	366
Blanks	32	161	37	230

TOWN CLERK

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Harry R. Franklin	224	998	288	1510
Blanks and scattering	46	311	66	423

TOWN TREASURER

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Harry R. Franklin	228	1024	287	1539
Blanks and scattering	42	285	67	394

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Harry R. Franklin	225	1017	286	1528
Blanks and scattering	45	292	68	405

BOARD OF HEALTH

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
David J. O'Connell	210	941	258	1409
Blanks	60	368	96	524

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (two to be elected)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Wilfred P. Keith	208	939	276	1423
Roger A. McNamara	244	844	305	1393
Blanks	88	835	127	1050

TREE WARDEN

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Andrew F. Lauzon	40	377	59	476
Roscoe W. Melendy	220	767	273	1260
Blanks	10	165	22	197

MODERATOR

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Leo M. Harlow	205	938	255	1398
Blanks	65	371	99	535

FINANCE COMMITTEE (fifteen)

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
John S. Ames, Jr.	193	877	249	1319
Wellington D. Boynton	83	348	107	538
Walfred J. G. Broman	167	709	218	1094
Horace C. Brown, Jr.	123	613	156	892
John F. Dailey	83	534	119	736
Harris A. DeWitt	121	507	174	802
Raymond E. Harvey	154	447	179	780
Kenneth C. Hayward	198	679	265	1142
John A. Henderson	179	691	233	1103
John B. Howard	193	686	254	1133
Joel M. Johnson	99	464	105	668
Daniel L. Kent	143	673	200	1016
Neubert B. Morse	200	744	274	1218
Martin E. Reynolds	180	698	236	1114
C. Bateman Swasey	176	667	243	1086
Robert G. Watt	180	710	234	1124
F. Ellis White	182	660	231	1073
Myron F. Williams	183	699	234	1116
Blanks	1213	8229	1599	11041

A true record. Attest:

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Bristol ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to

meet in the High School Auditorium in said Easton, on Monday, the twenty-third day of October next, at eight o'clock P. M., and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to rescind that part of Article 7, Section 3, of the Town By-Laws, as follows: "All contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder."

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate additional sums of money for Aid to Dependent Children and determine whether the money shall be provided for by transfer from available funds in the town treasury.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Police car, the car now in use to be turned in as part of the purchase price, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by transfer from available funds in the town treasury.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate additional sums of money for Highway Department purposes and determine whether the money shall be provided for by the transfer from available funds in the town treasury.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate additional sums of money to pay Town's share of the expense of various projects for which Federal or other grants are made to the Town, and determine whether the money shall be provided for by transfer from available funds in the town treasury.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Highway Traffic Regulating Signs and determine whether the money shall be provided for by transfer from available funds in the town treasury.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of by sale a part of the tract of land known as the Town Forest.

ARTICLE 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at least seven days before the time of said meeting, one at each meeting house, one at each post office, and one at the Town Hall.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of October, 1939.

EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
ALBERT E. WOOD,
ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
Selectmen of Easton.

North Easton, Massachusetts,
October 16, 1939.

Bristol ss.

By virtue hereof and as within directed, I have this day served the within warrant.

ARTHUR B. BRIGGS,
Constable of Easton.

A true copy of the warrant and return thereon.

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER 23, 1939

In accordance with the warrant, the meeting was called to order at eight o'clock P. M., a quorum being present, and the warrant was read by the Moderator, Leo M. Harlow.

ARTICLE 1. Voted to dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$500.00 for Aid to Dependent Children, and provide for the same by transfer from available funds in the town treasury.

ARTICLE 3. Voted to purchase a new car for the Police Department, the car now in use to be turned in as part of the purchase price, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for this purpose, and provide for the same by transfer from available funds in the town treasury.

ARTICLE 4. Voted to dismiss the article. It was then voted that the article be reconsidered.

It was then voted to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$3,700.00 for Highway Department purposes, and provide for the same by transfer from available funds in the town treasury.

ARTICLE 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$4,700.00 to pay the town's share of the expense of various projects for which Federal or other grants are made to the town, and provide for the same by transfer from available funds in the town treasury.

ARTICLE 6. Voted to dismiss the article.

ARTICLE 7. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell such part or parts of the tract of land known as the Town Forest located easterly of Randall Street as they deem proper, and to execute such deeds or instruments of conveyance or transfer as are necessary.

ARTICLE 8. No business transacted under this article.

Voted to adjourn.

A true record. Attest:

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1939

Date	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
January		
1	Nancy Jane Goward	Josiah C. and Greta E. Norberg
11	Judith Marie Anderson	Harold A. and Ellen M. Norrman
19	Jeanette Ada Johnson	Vincent L. and Ada Swanson
19	Herbert Seigfred Berglund	Herbert S. & Katherine V. MacPherson
27	Judith Dorothy Lanigan	John B. and Dorothy V. Anderson
28	Carlene Rosalie Gibbs	Carlton B. & Florence E. Jennison
29	Arthur Edward Rogers	Harold V. and Muriel D. Cogswell
29	Ruth Elaine Watts	Ralph I. and Lena Marcy
31	Nancy Lorraine Tufts	Ralph F. and Lois A. Varney
February		
23	Elizabeth Frances Howard	Asaph M. and Kathryn M. Cushman
27	Stillborn	
28	Robert Sladen Reynolds	Alfred S. & Christine F. Germain
March		
1	Joseph Carl Olson	Carl H. & Frances R. Camelio
1	Irene E. Lindstrom	Holger M. and Edla J. Jacobson
2	————Mone	Francis D. and Grace M. McMullen
9	Thomas Elmer Wry	Aubrey E. and Mildred L. Soule
17	Mary Ames	John S. and Isabel Henry
21	Edward Henry Cruickshank	Edward H. and Vera V. Nordberg
April		
1	Janet Rebecca Cogswell	Vincent N. and Elizabeth Waite
5	Kathleen Scovil Anderson	Charles D. and Olive G. Wildes
8	Ruth Barbara Lundin	Eric F. and Anna E. Anderson
13	June Harriet Howard	Glendon and Gertrude M. Reynolds
16	Patricia Joyce Foster	William H. and Mary E. Godsoe
16	Elise Shepard	John W. and Elise Abbott
21	Patricia Ann Murphy	John F. and Elizabeth A. Shepardson
26	Lawrence E. Johnson	Oliver T. and Edith L. Randall
May		
1	Mary Ethel Mowatt	Stanley W. and Eunice C. Harkins
9	————Harvey	Raymond E. and Hazel M. Randall

Date	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
16	Sandra Lynn Johnson	Clarence O. and Lorraine Altherath
23	Claire Irene Connolly	Joseph P. and Julia M. Lyons
26	William David Soell	Frederick E. and Olga Anderson
30	Carol Ann Jones	Russell W. and Ida P. Peterson
June		
22	Kenneth Lloyd Nelson	Lloyd G. and Adelyne R. Houde
26	Natalie Ann Johnson	Elmer R. and Doris H. Johnson
26	Sally Ann Holmes	Edmund L. and Ann T. Kelly
30	Lawrence Arthur Wood	Arthur W. and Mary A. Garcia
July		
1	Abel Camara	John and Isabelle Correia
11	Cornelius Joseph Harvey	Cornelius J. and Margaret Murphy
11	Herbert Fulton Mosman	Roger A. and Leslie N. Lemaire
20	Phyllis Aleta Schulz	Frederick W. and Phyllis R. Jeeves
24	Gloria Mary DeFreitas	August and Isabel DeJesus
28	Shirley Louise Ryan	Ellsworth A. and Dorothy L. Godfrey
August		
7	Lydia Alice Nichols	Clarence W. and Hattie M. Harlow
8	Helen Edna Heath	Walter A. and Hattie E. Ames
12	Muriel Elaine Monterio	Joseph and Mary Pina
14	Joan Frances McVicar	George B. and Frances Marshall
17	Lewis Edward Chapman	Lewis E. W. and Millicent D. McLeod
23	Albert Richard Greene, Jr.	Albert R. and Lillyan J. Fonander
27	Frederick Irvin Brooks	Henry T. and Mary L. Grey
September		
8	Bradford Arnold Jones	Stanley B. and Alice M. Johnson
11	Gail Jackman	Edward C. and Sybil L. Wright
14	Joyce Annette Stoddard	David S. and Doris A. Volton
22	Jane Louise Thayer	Lawrence E. and Mavis L. Foster
25	George Henry Craig	Richard F. and Kathleen L. Arling
26	Henry John Webber	Raymond W. and Emma B. Stokinger
30	Thomas Patrick Bradley	Thomas and Julia Sheehan
October		
9	John Francis Webster	Walter T. and Elsie M. Magee
12	Virginia Lopes	Arthur and Virginia T. DeSa
13	Robin George Lee	Charles A. and Doris R. Trefry
17	Kathryn Henderson	Norman R. and Ruth Healey
22	Richard James McGhee	James D. and Mary F. Pennini
23	Elizabeth Ann Fratus	Julio and Rose Rogers
26	Frances Louise Barrows	Frank E. and Eleanor H. Wilson
28	Carol Ann Waal	Ralph O. and Florence M. Frost

Date	Name of Child	Parents' Names (Maiden Name of Mother)
November		
6	Lawrence Kevin Welch	Francis B. and Idella Ingraham
8	Beverly Anne Noyes	Burton W. and Lily Carlson
11	Diane Weygand	Edward and Dolly E. Johnson
16	Steven Williams Hanscom	Winthrop C. and Anna F. Pearson
16	Allan Peter Johnson	Elmer H. and Marie L. White
17	Lambert Malcolm Anderson	Lambert J. and Josephine Wilson
18	Charles Richard Moran	Richard C. and Matilda M. Hiotcs
20	Sarah Elizabeth Sewell	Harold M. and Rita A. Spillane
26	Kenneth Aubrey Monroe	Merle L. and Dorothy V. Brown
December		
9	Elsie Edith Hagg	Carl G. A. and Jennie I. Johnson
9	Bradford Milton Stone	Kenneth B. and Alvis V. Thompson
17	Daniel Woodward Goff	Robert W. and Nancy Barrows
21	Charles Ernest Dimond	Charles E. and Mildred E. Benton
21	Carol Jean Hunt	Warren E. & Catherine M. Hurlbrink
22	Claire Alice Williams	Avery L. and Margaret M. Adams

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1939

- February 11. Lewis Wildes Everett Chapman of West Bridgewater and Millicent Doris McLeod of Easton.
- March 1. Edward Henry Cruickshank of Easton and Vera Viola Nordberg of Mansfield.
- April 14. Robert Melza Perkins of Easton and Gladys Viola Sanders of Brockton.
- April 15. Ralph Olaf Waal of Easton and Florence May Frost of Stoughton.
- April 15. John Paul Vieira and Cecelia Lucille Santos, both of Easton.
- April 15. Philip Joseph Sullivan and Dorothy Geraldine Jeremolovich, both of Easton.
- April 19. Alfred John Fiore and Eleanor Mae Tillotson, both of Mansfield.
- April 22. Huntington Tucker Monroe of Needham and Mabel Marie Hegg of Easton.
- May 3. Richard A. Snow of Mount Dora, Florida, and Esther H. Howes of Easton.
- May 13. Anthony Silva and Hilda Lourdes Vieira, both of Easton.
- June 2. Harold Vincent Wright and Olive Cecelia Abrahamson, both of Brockton.
- June 3. Donald Roy Sherlaw of Easton and Doris Eloise Swanson of Brockton.

- June 10. Eldon Andrew Abrahamson and Carrie Mae Wood, both of Brockton.
- June 16. Elwood Irving Fisher of Easton and Lelie Selma Cole of Brockton.
- June 24. Ernest Clifford Houde of Brockton and Thelma Margaret Haskins of Easton.
- June 24. Joseph Andrew O'Neil of Easton and Mary Veronica Furtado of Taunton.
- June 24. Harry Russell Morrison of Attleboro and Daysie Elizabeth Johnson of Easton.
- June 24. Henry Edward Messier of Taunton and Norma Tait of Easton.
- June 25. Charles William Porter of Easton and Bernice Dorothy Bigney of Brockton.
- June 27. Richard Clarence Moran of Easton and Matilda Marie Hoites of Stoughton.
- June 28. David Waldemar Peterson of Easton and Ellen Marie Welch of Stoughton.
- June 28. Francis Patrick Brophy of Easton and Helen Theresa Brady of Stoughton.
- June 30. Raymond Joseph Gerard Broman of Easton and Margaret Agnes Hannon of Brockton.
- July 1. Manuel Louis Andre of Easton and Olinda Souza of Taunton.
- July 2. Harold Thomas Litchfield of Easton and Mildred Elizabeth Johnson of Brockton.
- July 4. William Henry Cushing and Marjorie Louise Nystrom, both of Easton.
- July 4. Wallace Nowlan Emerson of Boise, Idaho, and Eunice Rita Harvey of Easton.

- July 22. Patrick Joseph Coffey and Frances Marie Coleman, both of Easton.
- July 26. Manuel Joseph Rego of Easton and Rose Marie Mercier of Mansfield.
- July 29. Norman Herbert Thompson of Biddeford, Maine, and Marion Phoebe Dunbar of Belfast, Maine.
- August 12. Colin Henry Bagley of Pembroke and Fern Marie Perkins of Easton.
- August 12. Benedict William Scully and Mary Cecilia Lauzon, both of Easton.
- August 13. William Eben Eddy of Easton and Mildred Sophia Nickerson of Wakefield, Rhode Island.
- August 18. Arthur Leonard Anderson and Helen Irene Anderson, both of Easton.
- August 19. Gunnar Albert Mattson and Erika Wilhelmina Wenzel, both of Norwood.
- August 19. Thomas Lesley Hinckley of Cambridge and Georgianna Ames of Easton.
- August 20. Avery Weston Randall of Easton and Marion Evelyn Mason of Boston.
- August 24. Stanley Amherst Davis and Eloise Caswell, both of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.
- August 26. John Theodore McNeil of Brockton and Arlene Elizabeth Gibbs of Easton.
- August 28. Angelo Gregory of Avon and Josephine Belmosto of Brockton.
- September 1. George Kenneth Marshall of Easton and Blanche Amelia Bryant of Brockton.
- September 1. Joseph Clifford Haskell and Erva Viola Chesley, both of Easton.

- September 3. Howard Lothrop Pearson of Easton and Dora Ann DiMarzio of Brockton.
- September 3. Hiram Thomas Andrews and Maybelle Gertrude Vosmus, both of Easton.
- September 4. George Francis McGorty of Hudson and Anna Elizabeth Correia of Easton.
- September 4. John Frederick DeCosta of Brockton and Concessa Gloria Rodriques of Easton.
- September 4. William Joseph Murphy of Brockton and Grace Veronica O'Neil of Easton.
- September 10. Walter Theodore Strong of Easton and Anita Ann Camarra of Brockton.
- September 17. Arthur Ruggles Brooks, Jr., of Brockton and Ruth Adelle Willis of Easton.
- September 22. Elmer Alexander Anderson of Easton and Evelyn Louise Collins of Whitman.
- September 30. John Henry O'Connell of Canton and Alva Amelia Swanson of Easton.
- September 30. Perfirio Francis Ornellas, Jr., of Easton and Gina Mary Colarusso of Brockton.
- October 12. Everett Werner Swanson of Brockton and Bertha Theresia Hafstrom of Easton.
- October 12. Howard Marston Thompson of Easton and Dorothea May Churbuck of Foxboro.
- October 21. John Louis Foley of Taunton and Lucy Agnes Sullivan of Easton.
- October 22. George Albert Schefer of Taunton and Marian Audrey Chillingworth of Easton.
- October 28. John Joseph Thompson of Boston and Christine Caroline Osmond of Easton.

October 29. Robert Otis DeWitt and Muriel Pauline Hatchfield, both of Easton.

November 11. George Reginald Wiggin and Phyllis Sophia Hackett, both of Easton.

November 16. William Robinson Reed of Taunton and Doris Mildred Field of Easton.

November 19. William Canes Rollins, Jr., and Edith Amollia Ryberg, both of Easton.

November 22. Jay Sumner Willis, Jr., of Brockton and Jean Rea MacKenzie of Easton.

November 23. Joseph Herbert Lainey and Helen Frances Ross, both of Easton.

November 29. Ralph Erland McFaun of Brockton and Myrtle Isabelle Drew of Easton.

November 30. Anthony Michael Borack of Easton and Olga Sakells of Brockton.

December 1. Harry Pickard of Brockton and Helen Gertrude Heath of Easton.

December 24. William Beverly Coggon and Grace Elizabeth Eastwood, both of Easton.

December 31. Frederick Irving Pickett of Hanson and Mildred Dorothea Nihan of Easton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1939

		Age			
Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
January					
6	Nils Anderson	84	0	11	Arterio Sclerosis
10	Mary L. Borgerson	66	7	7	Acute Hepatitis
February					
2	Vinta L. Blackwell	56	11	17	Natural Causes, Heart Disease
3	Mary Richardson	82	—	—	Coronary Embolism
13	Sarah A. Reed	91	8	—	Arterio Sclerosis
14	John T. Clapp	82	5	10	Broncho Pneumonia
16	John S. McCaig	68	2	—	Broncho Pneumonia
19	Laura A. Hunt	82	3	30	Lobar Pneumonia
25	Albin Anderson	53	0	27	Lobar Pneumonia
25	Helen M. McKenna	41	8	3	Hypertension with Chronic Vascular Nephritis
27	Stillborn				
27	Amelia H. Ames	82	—	—	Hypertension
March					
2	———— Mone	0	0	2 hrs.	Congenital Atelectasis
9	Stella E. Corkum	30	2	13	General Septicaemia
10	Sarah F. Litchfield	75	4	12	Arterio Sclerosis
10	Andrew Anderson	59	4	26	Natural Causes Heart Disease
12	James A. Oliver	84	1	24	Arterio Sclerosis
14	George H. DeWitt	89	11	17	Broncho Pneumonia
22	Sarah F. Lovell	74	8	16	Arterio Sclerosis
23	Andrew P. Anderson	85	2	25	Toxemia
30	Clifton Leonard	74	11	22	Chronic Vascular Nephritis
April					
5	Oscar R. Wallin	45	4	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage
7	John Nagle	82	3	14	Arterio Sclerosis
11	Jennie Manchester	78	11	29	Arterio Sclerosis
11	John Silva	45	10	7	Carcinoma
24	Clarence B. Perry	87	2	19	Coronary Thrombosis
29	Mary Fleming	78	—	—	Arterio Sclerosis
30	Weston G. Sabins	58	—	—	Carcinoma

Date	Name	Age		D	Cause of Death
		Y	M		
May					
9	_____ Harvey	0	0	1	Prematurity
9	Catherine Olwell	71	8	24	Chronic Nephritis
9	Ellen F. Tilden	76	9	8	Chronic Valvular Heart Disease
14	Vivian B. Walker	38	8	23	Broncho Pneumonia
14	Ira W. Holt	80	9	10	Broncho Pneumonia
27	Oscar B. Randall	88	10	24	Arteriosclerotic Gangrene
28	John P. O'Connell	89			Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
28	George J. Rollins	86	6	10	Chronic Myocarditis
30	Oscar S. Larson	61	—	20	Carcinoma
30	Gladys Coggan	50	9	26	Diabetes Mellitus
June					
4	Johanna Lindquist	81	3	19	Arterio Sclerosis
16	John Baldwin	82	7	24	Chronic Myocarditis
28	Theresa A. Hennessy	48	0	27	Respiratory Paralysis
July					
1	Jessie B. Tannatt	82	11	14	Coronary Sclerosis
5	Anna Maria Larson	67	7	23	Chronic Valvular Heart Disease
13	Herbert A. Smith	74	—	—	Coronary Thrombosis
15	Charles D. Simpson	82	—	—	Peritonitis
24	Jane Diamond	89	4	22	Arterio Sclerosis
31	Irene E. Lindstrom	—	4	30	Acute Toxic Myocarditis
August					
9	Stanley G. Whitten	32	5	28	Accidental Drowning
9	Lorraine E. Dahlborg	30	5	6	Accidental Drowning
20	Annie M. MacDonald	68	7	20	Hypertension
20	Stephen McCann	83	5	29	Fractured Skull, Accidental fall
23	Angela Derby	81	11	9	Arterio Sclerosis
25	Lydia A. Nichols	—	—	18	Impetigo Neonatorum
26	Wilbert J. Williams	59	—	—	Gastric Hemorrhage
September					
14	Hannah M. Anderson	62	5	28	Myocarditis
20	Leon LeMontagne	65	6	9	Cerebral Hemorrhage
29	Kate Pridmore	60	2	20	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
October					
8	Anna W. Schleicher	67	11	24	Cerebral Hemorrhage
12	Phyllis Abreu	22	2	25	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
14	Alfred P. Ward	64	11	15	Carcinoma
19	Lewis W. Blackwell	87	1	25	Myocarditis

Date	Name	Y	Age		Cause of Death
			M	D	
November					
4	Johanna G. Donahoe	63	—	—	Arterio Sclerosis
5	Edward V. Reiss	66	1	3	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
8	William Magner	57	—	—	Enteritis
17	Abbie A. Higgins	66	9	28	Arterio Sclerosis
24	Edward A. Leonard	72	—	—	Carcinoma
28	Andrew Berglund	80	4	0	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
December					
1	Sarah A. Brophy	75	3	18	Nephritis
5	Peter Peterson	73	11	20	Carcinoma
10	Mary A. Henriques	30	9	1	Ulcerative Colitis
16	Dorothy Quinn	27	10	17	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
27	Louis Maynard	79	—	—	Chronic Myocarditis
28	Catherine A. McKenney	58	2	27	Nephritis
31	Granville E. Wells	83	2	17	Liposarcoma of Shoulder

LICENSES, 1939

(Paid to the Town Treasurer)

WINES AND BEER

Fee \$150

Herbert C. Binney
Brooks Farrar

George W. Swanson
Frederick A. Wilde

LIQUORS (Full License)

Fee \$350

James R. Conlon
Alvie Allen Welch
Julia F. Lynch

John J. Spillane
Cappy's Inc.
Club 400 Inc.

Harold T. Darling (The Four Hundred)

PACKAGE GOODS

Damiano Mitrano (All Liquors)	\$150.00
C. J. Harvey, Jr. & Sr. (Beer and Wine Only)	75.00

SPECIAL LIQUOR PERMITS

Easton Rod and Gun Club, Beer and Wine	\$1.00
Association Aliacon Portuguese, Beer	5.00
Lebanon American National Club, Beer	10.00
Fred A. Wilde, Beer	5.00
Portuguese-American Club, Beer	10.00
Progressive Amateur Radio Association, Beer	1.00
North End Progressive Club of Mansfield, Beer	1.00
Joel M. Johnson, Beer	1.00
Easton Rod and Gun Club, Beer	1.00

AUTO DEALER'S LICENSE

Fee \$1.00

Carl W. Dahl

VICTUALLER'S LICENSE

Fee \$5.00

James R. Conlon
 Alvie Allen Welch
 Herbert C. Binney
 C. J. Harvey & Sons, Tea
 Room

Julia F. Lynch
 Elizabeth Daly
 Albion E. Fuller
 Ernest W. Corcoran
 O'Connor's News Store
 Club 400 Inc.
 David Pickett
 Frank E. Hart
 Cornelius J. Harvey, Jr.

John J. Spillane
 Cappy's Inc.
 George W. Swanson
 Brooks Farrar
 Alice Green
 Norma Buck
 Frederick A. Wilde
 Martha E. Jennings
 A. T. Eldridge, "The Owl"
 Harold T. Darling, "The Four
 Hundred"
 A. A. Welch, "The Kennel"
 Mrs. O. Wallin & D. Froeberg
 Nathaniel Gordon

Mrs. Agnes Melendy \$1.00

C. J. Harvey, Jr. \$1.00

JUNK LICENSES

Fee \$20.00

Willard E. McCarty, Howard St., South Easton, Mass.
 William Familant, Brockton, Mass.

MILK LICENSES

Board of Health

57 Licenses @ \$.50 \$28.50

OLEOMARGARINE LICENSES

Board of Health

4 Licenses @ \$.50 \$2.00

PASTEURIZATION LICENSE

Board of Health

Fee \$10.00

Charles E. Wilbur

NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Board of Health

Fee \$20.00

Simpson Spring Co.

GASOLINE LICENSES

Fee \$1.00

George Jennings
Carl DahlWilliam Guild
Simpson Spring Co.

FUEL OIL TANK LICENSE

William T. Knapp & Sons \$1.00

GASOLINE LICENSE REGISTRATION

Fee \$.50

Clifton Badeau
Algodt I. Berglund
Frank E. Blake
Warren E. Blood
John J. Conlon
George H. DeWitt
Brooks Farrar
Eugene Farrow
John R. Field
Mrs. Robert Frasier
Anthony Garcia
E. Carlton HaywardEarle's Hudson Agency
Willis Kimball
Ladd's Service Station
Main Street Garage
Nolan's Garage
Roy C. Oman
David Pickett
Edgar H. Rohdin
Harry J. D. Sundell
Swift Bros.
Evan M. Whiting
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.

SUNDAY LICENSES

Fee \$5.00

Willis Kimball	Anthony Garcia
Edgar H. Rohdin	Mrs. George Mowatt
Everett Erickson	Mrs. Hannah Pomeroy
Eugene Farrow	Herbert Coulter
Algodt I. Berglund	John M. Gomes
Martha E. Jennings	

WOOD ALCOHOL LICENSE

Fee \$1.00

David Pickett

AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE

Arthur W. Bailey

LOCAL PEDLER'S LICENSE

Stanley B. Jones (Fruit and Vegetables) \$4.00

STATE PEDLER'S LICENSE

Easton's Part of Fee \$11.00

Wilbur L. Willett	E. J. Callahan
John Camara	John Mendes

SLAUGHTERING LICENSE

Fee \$1.00

C. Fred Jaquith

HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES

Issued for the Year 1939

54 Resident Citizen's Hunting & Fishing	at\$3.25	\$175.50
97 Resident Citizen's Hunting only	at 2.00	194.00
119 Resident Citizen's Fishing only	at 2.00	238.00
9 Resident Citizen's Trapping	at 5.25	47.25
8 Minor Trapping	at 2.25	18.00
25 Female and Minor Fishing Licenses	at 1.25	31.25
*2 Duplicate Licenses	at .50	1.00
*29 Sporting and Trapping Licenses (free to residents over 70 years of age)		

343	\$705.00
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*No fees allowed

Fees on 312 Licenses @ 25c; to Town Treasury	78.00
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Paid Com. of Mass., Div. of Fisheries and Game	\$627.00
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Total number of licenses issued for each of the past five years was as follows:

1935	269
1936	268
1937	296
1938	307
1939	343

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Town Clerk of Easton.

DOG LICENSES

Issued December 1, 1938, to December 1, 1939

Individual Licenses	512
Breeder's License	1
Kennel Licenses	2
Total Licenses issued	515
The above 515 Licenses were as follows:	
369 Males @ \$2.00	\$738.00
70 Females @ \$5.00	350.00
73 Female, Spayed @ \$2.00	146.00
1 Kennel @ \$25.00	25.00
2 Kennels @ \$50.00	100.00
515	\$1,256.00
Less fees to Town Treasury, 515 @ 20 cents each	103.00
Paid Treasurer of Bristol County	\$1,256.00

DOGS

For the benefit of the owners and keepers of dogs, the following extract of the General Laws is submitted:

General Laws, Chapter 140

Section 137. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall, annually, on or before March thirty-first, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of April following.

The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its

Section 138. The owner or keeper of a dog may at any time have it licensed until the first day of April following, and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after April first, which is not duly licensed, and the owner or keeper of a dog which becomes three months old after May thirty-first in any year, shall, when it is three months old, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as required by the preceding section. . .

(Example under Section 138 above.) If a dog is born on August 1, 1939, he becomes three months old on November 1, 1939, and should be licensed on that date for the perior November 1, 1939, to April 1, 1940 (when it becomes necessary to re-license him for the year April 1, 1940, to April 1, 1941).

OWNERS OF LICENSED DOGS

April 1, 1939, to February 1, 1940

Abbott, John A.	1 Male
Alger, Alton E.	1 Male
Alger, Frank W.	1 Male
Allan, Catherine J.	1 Male
Ames, Arthur W.	1 Spyd. Female
Ames, Mrs. Elise	1 Female
Ames, Hobart	Full Kennel
Ames, John S., Jr.	1 Male
Ames, Mrs. William H.	1 Spyd. Female
Anderson, Alfred L.	2 Males
Anderson, Allan C.	1 Male
Anderson, Charles, Jr.	1 Male
Anderson, Emma	1 Male
Anderson, Frank	1 Male

Anderson, Frank W.	1 Male
Anderson, Fred R.	1 Male
Anderson, George A.	1 Male
Anderson, George J.	1 Male
Anderson, Helen H.	1 Male
Anderson, Hobart C.	2 Spyd. Females
Anderson, Johannes	1 Male
Anderson, Milton I.	1 Female
Anderson, Richard W.	1 Male
Anderson, Sam	1 Spyd. Female
Andrews, Charles H.	1 Female
Andrews, Hiram H.	1 Male
Ashley, Herbert C.	1 Male, 1 Spyd. Female
Atwood, Carlton S.	1 Spyd. Female
Barretto, Severiano	1 Female
Barrows, Emma	1 Spyd. Female
Barrows, Frank E.	1 Male
Barrows, George C.	1 Spyd. Female
Bartlett, Mrs. Harold	1 Spyd. Female
Bashian, Haig	1 Male
Baxendale, Mrs. Albert	1 Female
Bell, Mrs. Alice R.	2 Females
Bellows, Donald	1 Male
Benson, Mrs. Helen	1 Spyd. Female
Berglund, Algott I.	1 Male
Berglund, Herbert S.	1 Male
Biron, Flora	1 Female
Borack, George	1 Male 1 Spyd. Female
Bowden, M. J.	1 Male
Boynton, Mrs. Ruth	1 Male
Blackwell, Lena W.	1 Male
Blanchette, Beatrice	1 Male
Bradford, Lorraine	1 Spyd. Female
Bradley, James	1 Male
Brenner, Dr. Jacob	1 Male

Brennick, Edward M.	1 Male
Bridges, William	1 Male
Briggs, Arthur B.	1 Female
Brooks, Mae	1 Male
Brophy, Christopher D.	1 Male
Brophy, Francis P.	1 Male
Brophy, Katherine	1 Male
Brophy, Maureen	1 Male
Brown, Clifton E.	2 Females
Brown, Horace C., Jr.	1 Spyd. Female
Bruce, George F.	1 Male
Buck, Sanford D.	3 Males
Buck, Willis	1 Male
Buckingham, Charles J.	1 Spyd. Female
Bulmer, Maude	1 Male
Burgess, Irving A.	1 Male
Burke, John L.	1 Male
Bussey, Francis H.	1 Male
Butler, Jeremiah J.	1 Female
Cahill, William	1 Male
Cameron, Reginald A.	1 Male
Canegaly, Augustus E.	1 Male
Canegaly, Clara	1 Male
Caney, Jeremiah	1 Male
Caney, Leo I.	1 Male
Canty, Michael	1 Male
Carlson, Charles W.	1 Spyd. Female
Carlson, Mrs. David	1 Female
Carlson, Oscar	1 Male
Carlson, Phoebe	1 Spyd. Female
Carlson, Raymond	1 Male
Carlson, Roy A.	1 Male
Carpenter, Guy C.	1 Male
Carr, Charles C.	1 Spyd. Female
Carter, George A., Jr.	1 Male

Carter, Walter	1 Male
Carver, Philo	1 Male
Chamberlain, Robert	1 Male
Christensen, Mrs. Anton	1 Male
Clark, Cora G.	1 Male
Cleverly, Ernest W.	1 Male
Clifford, Robert F.	1 Male
Cobb, Mrs. Edith	1 Male
Cochrane, William	1 Male
Cogswell, Bert	1 Male
Cohen, Abraham	1 Male
Coleman, Frank	1 Male
Connelly, Lorenz	2 Males
Conroy, Mary	1 Male
Cook, Lindley M.	1 Male
Copeland, George H.	1 Male
Corkum, William	1 Male
Correia, Anna	1 Male
Correia, Manuel (N. Easton)	2 Males
Correia, Manuel (S. Easton)	1 Male
Costa, Manuel	1 Male
Cotter, George G.	1 Spyd. Female
Coughlin, Elizabeth	1 Male
Craig, Edgar A.	1 Male
Craig, Harold V.	1 Male
Craig, Mrs. Margaret E.	1 Male
Craig, Ralph W.	1 Male
Craig, Mrs. Ralph W.	1 Spyd. Female
Cruickshank, Florence I.	1 Male
Cunningham, Edward	1 Male
Cyr, Frank	1 Male
Dahl, Axel	1 Male
Dahl, Carl	1 Spyd. Female
Dahlborg, Harold A.	1 Female
Dahlborg, Hobart F.	1 Male

Dahlborg, Lorraine E.	1 Female
Dahlborg, Muriel	1 Male
Dailey, John F.	1 Male
Dailey, John L.	1 Male
Davison, George P.	1 Spyd. Female
Day, William H.	1 Male
Dimond, Robert	1 Male
Doherty, John W.	1 Male
Donaghue, Thomas	1 Male
Duchesneau, Roderick	1 Male
Duggan, Cornelius J.	1 Male
Durfee, Norman O.	1 Male, 1 Spyd. Female
Drake, Louise	1 Female
Drew, Alfred A.	1 Male
Drew, Henry	1 Male
Earle, Melvin G.	1 Male
Eastwood, Edwin H.	1 Male, 1 Female
Eastwood, Grace	1 Male
Eaton, Gertrude	1 Male
Ebbs, Edward J.	1 Male
Eddy, A. W.	1 Male
Eddy, Benjamin F.	1 Female
Eisnor, Ellis D.	1 Spyd, Female
Eldridge, Charles A.	1 Male
Emerson, Alton	1 Male
Emerson, R. D. H.	1 Female
Erickson, Carl	1 Female
Erikson, Anna	1 Male
Erikson, Erik W.	1 Male
Ervin, Samuel R.	1 Male
Farnham, George B. H.	1 Male
Farrar, Brooks	2 Males
Farrar, Lloyd J.	1 Male
Farrow, John L.	1 Male

Field, George	1 Spyd, Female
Flandreau, Mrs. Clarence	1 Male
Flinkstrom, Paul	1 Male
Fortune, Max J.	1 Male
Francis, Harry C.	1 Male
Fraser, Robert	1 Male, 1 Spyd. Female
Fratius, Julio	1 Male
Freeman, Archie	1 Female
Fuller, Alice L.	1 Male
Furlong, Agnes	1 Spyd. Female
Furlong, William M.	1 Male
Galvin, John J.	1 Male
Garcia, Joaquin	1 Male
Geddes, Norma	1 Male
Getchell, Mrs. Marguerite	1 Spyd, Female
Gibbs, Ellie A.	1 Male
Gibbs, Orpha E.	1 Spyd, Female
Gilmore, Wallace S.	1 Male
Gladwin, Ernest L.	1 Spyd. Female
Goldthwaite, George R.	2 Males
Gonsalves, Agostinho	1 Male
Grant, Fred P.	1 Female
Grant, George	2 Males
Grant, Harold L.	2 Males
Gray, Mrs. Anna	1 Male
Gray, Mrs. Henrietta	2 Males
Gustafson, John A.	1 Male
Hagg, Carl	1 Spyd. Female
Haglund, Sigfrid T.	1 Male
Hamilton, William J.	1 Male
Hammond, Charles H.	1 Male
Hands, Carville	1 Male
Hanlon, Rosalie	1 Male
Hanscom, LeRoy C.	1 Male

Hanson, Arnold	1 Male
Hanson, Elizabeth	1 Male
Hanson, George H.	1 Male
Hanson, Irene and Ruth	1 Male
Harlow, Tisdale H.	1 Male
Harris, James A.	1 Male
Harrold, Elmer C.	1 Male
Harvey, Alice W.	1 Female
Harvey, Charles	1 Male
Harvey, Charles E.	1 Male
Harvey, C. Henry	1 Female
Harvey, Raymond	1 Female
Haskins, Thelma	1 Male
Hatch, Walter J.	1 Male
Hayden, Mary	1 Male
Hayward, E. Carlton	1 Female
Hayward, Elton T.	1 Male
Hayward, Harold W.	1 Spyd, Female
Hayward, Marjorie	1 Male
Heath, Vernon	1 Female
Heel, George F.	1 Male
Heino, Reir	1 Male
Henault, George L.	2 Males, 1 Female
Henderson, John A.	1 Female
Hicks, M. G.	1 Spyd. Female
Hildreth, Herbert H.	1 Female
Hill, Bernice H.	1 Male
Hill, Charles D.	1 Male
Hilmer, Lennart	1 Female
Holmberg, Robert	1 Male
Holmes, Mrs. Florence	1 Male
Holmes, Ralph E.	1 Male
Howard, Mabelle S.	1 Spyd. Female
Jackman, Coyle	2 Males
Jacobson, Carlton S.	1 Male

Jacobson, Charles	1 Male
Jenks, Fred E.	1 Male
Jennings, George	1 Male
Johnson, Aldo G.	1 Spyd. Female
Johnson, Carl G.	1 Male
Johnson, Carl J.	1 Male
Johnson, Einar	1 Male
Johnson, Elmer	1 Spyd. Female
Johnson, Fred	1 Male
Johnson, Herbert A.	1 Male
Johnson, John T.	1 Male
Jones, Robert P.	1 Male
Keach, Mrs. John	1 Spyd. Female
Keith, Wilfred P.	1 Female
Kelley, Joseph H.	1 Male
Kelly, Patrick E.	1 Male
Kempf, Carl A.	1 Male
Kenney, Thomas F.	1 Spyd. Female
Kent, Philip	1 Male
Kidder, Emerson A.	1 Spyd. Female
Kiley, Cornelius J.	1 Male
Kimball, Charlotte A.	1 Male
Kingman, Dr. Harry W.	1 Spyd. Female
Knapp, George H.	1 Male
Knapp, William J.	1 Male
Knapp, William T.	1 Male
LaMontagne, Florence	1 Male
Lamprey, Mary L.	2 Spyd. Females
Latham, Frank E.	1 Male
Lawson, Carl W.	1 Male
Leonard, Charles S.	3 Males
Leonard, Myrtie A.	1 Male
Leonard, Rev. Royden C.	1 Spyd. Female
Lewis, John W.	1 Male

Lewis, Manuel	1 Male
Linehan, Daniel F.	1 Male
Linehan, Henry R.	1 Male
Litchfield, Frank H.	1 Male
Lomer, Edward A.	1 Male
Lothrop, Nellie	1 Male
Lufkin, Charles H.	1 Female
Lupien, Alfred J.	1 Male
Lutkin, William	1 Male
Lyons, Mrs. Nora M.	1 Male
McCabe, Mrs. R. F.	1 Female
McCarthy, Charles F., Jr.	1 Male
McCarty, Mrs. Susan	1 Male, 1 Female
McDonald, Stephen L.	1 Male
McGhee, Mary F.	1 Female
McKenna, James J.	1 Female
McKinnon, Herbert E.	1 Spyd. Female
MacLeod, Bernice	1 Male
McMenamy, Frank J.	1 Male
McNamara, Ruth	1 Male
McNamara, Francis J.	1 Male
McVicar, Maude L.	1 Male
MaDan, Charles	1 Male
Madeiros, John	1 Male
Mager, Walter F.	1 Male
Magivney, Wesley	1 Male
Magnuski, Felix	1 Male
Maliff, Anna C.	1 Spyd. Female
Maliff, Richard	1 Male
Maliff, Thomas	1 Male
Manchester, Ralph E., Jr.	1 Male
Mann, Gilbert C.	1 Spyd. Female
Marchant, Annie	1 Female
Marshall, George	2 Males

Marshall, Kenneth G.	1 Male
Marshall, William G.	1 Spyd. Female
Meniz, Henry	1 Male
Meyer, August C.	1 Male
Meyers, Bertha M. G.	1 Female
Miller, John	1 Female
Millett, Henry P.	1 Male
Moran, James	1 Male
Morris, Beatrice	1 Male
Morse, Erwin	1 Male
Morse, Mrs. Neubert B.	1 Male, 1 Spyd. Female
Mosman, Elmer W.	1 Male
Mowatt, Emily	1 Male
Murphy, John, Jr.	1 Male
Nagle, John F.	1 Female
Neitz, Frederick	1 Male
Nelson, Arvid C.	2 Males
Nelson, Carl A.	1 Male
Nelson, Lloyd	1 Spyd. Female
Nickerson, Alice	1 Male
Nickerson, Blanche	1 Male
Nickerson, John E.	1 Female
Niemi, Albert	1 Male
Niemi, Eino	1 Male
Nolan, Mrs. Beatrice	1 Male
Nolan, Mrs. John A.	1 Male
Nolan, Stephen F.	1 Male
Nyquist, C. Eric	1 Male
O'Connor, Thomas A.	1 Female
Oliff, Albert W.	1 Male
Olin, Lawrence	1 Male
Oliver, Walter E.	1 Male
Olson, Frederick V.	1 Female
Olson, Marion	1 Spyd. Female

O'Neil, Louise	1 Male
O'Neill, Herbert W.	1 Kennel
Osmond, Joseph J.	1 Male
Parker, Edward	1 Male
Parker, William A.	2 Males, 1 Female, 1 Spyd Female
Peach, Harry E.	1 Male
Pearson, Kenneth	1 Male
Peltonen, Onie	1 Male
Peters, William E.	1 Spyd. Female
Peterson, Andrew	1 Male
Peterson, Gunnar	1 Spyd. Female
Peterson, Hilding S.	1 Female
Pickett, David	1 Male
Pierson, George A.	1 Male
Pina, Fertenato L.	1 Male
Pomeroy, John	1 Male
Poole, Howard L.	1 Female
Poole, Nelson K.	1 Male
Powell, George	1 Spyd. Female
Prior, Vernon L.	1 Male
Randall, William	1 Male
Rankin, Almira E.	1 Male
Raymond, Francis W.	1 Spyd. Female
Reed, Edward C.	1 Female
Reed, Mary	1 Male
Reed, Mary A.	1 Male
Regan, Mary	1 Male
Regan, Patrick	1 Male
Rego, Henry	1 Male
Rego, Manuel J.	1 Male
Reis, Edward V.	1 Male
Reynolds, Charles M.	1 Spyd. Female
Rhodin, Arthur	1 Male

Rice, Ruthena	1 Male
Robbins, Mrs. Edna	1 Male
Robinson, Anna C.	1 Spyd. Female
Roscoe, Mrs. Anna F.	1 Male
Rosen, Andrew	1 Male
Rosen, August	1 Male
Rosen, Elton A.	1 Spyd. Female
Rowe, Eva L.	1 Male
Rowe, Mrs. William P.	1 Male
Russell, Mary	1 Spyd. Female
Ryan, Ellsworth F.	1 Male
Sawyer, James A.	1 Female
Sawyer, James H.	1 Female
Schleicher, Leo R.	1 Spyd. Female
Sczymkiewicz, Peter E.	1 Male
Seaver, Donald K.	1 Spyd. Female
Sharpe, Percy A.	1 Male
Shaw, F. Clifford	1 Male
Sherman, Clifford A.	1 Male
Sherman, Mrs. Elmer E.	1 Male
Sherman, Harold E.	1 Male
Sherman, Mrs. Walter E.	1 Male
Silva, Agostinho	1 Male
Simpson, W. A.	1 Male
Slavin, Charles J.	1 Female
Smith, Chester W.	1 Male
Smith, Dorothy M.	1 Male
Smith, Eli	1 Male
Smith, Herbert A.	1 Male
Smith, Howard E.	1 Male
Smith, Stanley H.	1 Male
Smith, Winifred	1 Male
Soule, Elmer W.	1 Male
Soule, Wilmarth N.	2 Males
Southworth, Barbara	1 Female

Spillane, Clement	1 Male
Stackpole, Mrs. Della M.	2 Males, 1 Female
Stanley, Herbert E.	1 Male
Staples, Fred K.	1 Male
Stevenson, Dr. W. M.	1 Spyd. Female
Stokingier, John W.	1 Male
Stone, George W.	1 Male
Sullivan, Lucy A.	1 Male
Swanson, Albin A.	1 Male
Swanson, Arnold M.	1 Male
Swanson, George W.	2 Females
Swanson, Ruth	1 Male
Sweeney, James F.	1 Male
Sweeney, Mary H.	1 Male
Sweet, Walter J.	1 Male
Swift, Clara B.	1 Male
Tait, Irene E.	1 Female
Talbot, Henry J.	1 Spyd, Female
Tate, Eva W.	1 Male
Taylor, Wilhelmina	1 Male
Teed, Margaret	1 Spyd. Female
Texiera, Manuel	1 Male
Thompson, Luella F.	1 Female
Tracey, Joseph O.	1 Male
Truman, Thomas	1 Female
Tufts, Kenneth M.	1 Male
Tufts, Ralph F.	1 Male
Tynan, James	1 Male
Urban, Alvar	1 Female
VanHorn, Mrs. Lucy	1 Male, 2 Females
VanVloten, Mrs. William	1 Spyd. Female
Varella, Manual	1 Male
Varnum, Norman	1 Male
Varrieur, Joseph A.	1 Male
Vendt, Nelof	1 Spyd. Female
Waal, Mrs. Catherine	1 Male

Walett, Gustaf A.	1 Male
Walker, Howard N.	1 Female
Walker, Maynard A.	1 Male
Walker, William	1 Male
Wall, Carl E.	1 Spyd. Female
Ward, Alfred P.	1 Male
Ward, Mrs. Sydney	1 Male
Warren, Charles J.	1 Spyd. Female
Watson, Mrs. John T.	1 Female
Webber, Henry W.	1 Female
Weir, Ernest B.	1 Male
Welch, Daniel	1 Male
Welch, Maude	1 Male
Westlund, Sven	1 Spyd. Female
White, Hiram H.	1 Male
White, Lucy J.	1 Spyd. Female
White, Mary	1 Female
White, Walter	1 Male
Wilbur, Charles E.	2 Males
Wilbur, Frank E.	1 Male
Wilbur, George H.	1 Male
Wilbur, Mabel F.	1 Spyd. Female
Wilcox, Clark L.	2 Males
Wilde, Francis L.	1 Male
Williams, Albert E.	1 Male
Williams, Clarence H.	1 Male
Williams, Edward M.	1 Male
Williams, John M.	1 Male
Willis, Elmer C.	3 Males
Willis, John D.	1 Male
Willis, Vernon	1 Male
Wilmonen, Evart	1 Male
Woodward, Wayne E.	1 Male
Woodworth, John C.	1 Male
Woodworth, Wilmot	1 Male
Wright, Charles	1 Spyd. Female
Wright, Samuel E., Jr.	1 Female, 1 Spyd. Female

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

TAXES OF 1937

Dr.

Uncollected balance, Jan. 1, 1939	\$18,876.17	
Interest charged	1,367.03	
Costs	147.30	
		\$20,390.50

Cr.

Collected in 1939	\$17,485.38	
Interest collected	1,367.03	
Costs	147.30	
Abatements	1,390.79	
		\$20,390.50

COLLECTIONS ITEMIZED

	Collected	Abated	Total
Excise	\$ 43.79	\$231.18	\$ 274.97
Poll	16.00	74.00	90.00
Personal	713.09	57.80	770.89
Real	14,916.14	917.99	15,834.13
North Easton	627.49	24.39	651.88
South Easton	747.45	78.50	825.95
Unionville	132.90	.57	133.47
Easton Center	288.52	6.36	294.88
Total	\$17,485.38	\$1,390.79	\$18,876.17

TAXES OF 1938

Dr.

Uncollected balance, Jan. 1, 1939	\$49,973.97	
Interest charged	732.56	
Costs	176.00	
		\$50,882.53

Cr.

Collected in 1939	\$29,024.82	
Interest collected	732.56	
Costs	176.00	
Abatements	1,288.05	
Uncollected balance, Dec. 31, 1939	19,661.10	
		\$50,882.53

COLLECTIONS ITEMIZED

	Collected	Abated	Uncollected	Total
Excise	\$ 488.92	\$ 33.42	\$ 217.35	\$ 739.69
Poll	348.00	120.00	146.00	614.00
Personal	1,239.41	23.67	827.49	2,090.57
Real	24,822.30	1,031.05	16,846.49	42,699.84
North Easton	901.27	23.23	628.26	1,552.76
South Easton	756.72	51.40	663.04	1,471.16
Unionville	212.19	2.28	93.12	307.59
Easton Center	256.01	3.00	239.35	498.36
Total	\$29,024.82	\$1,288.05	\$19,661.10	\$49,973.97

TAXES OF 1939

Dr.

Personal Property Commitment	\$22,448.08
Real Estate Commitment	189,733.68
Excise Commitments	11,031.95
Poll Commitments	3,962.00
Interest charged	57.20
Costs	275.45
Abatements refunded	55.73
	\$227,564.09

Cr.

Collected in 1939	\$161,205.53
Interest collected	57.20
Costs	275.45
Abatements	1,381.79
Abatements refunded	55.73
Uncollected balance, Dec. 31, 1939	64,588.39
	\$227,564.09

COLLECTIONS ITEMIZED

	Collected	Abated	Refunded	Uncollected	Total
Excise	\$9,575.66	\$ 497.44	\$55.73	\$ 958.85	\$ 11,087.68
Poll	2,946.00	.00	.00	1,016.00	3,962.00
Personal	17,535.45	4.10	.00	3,758.26	21,297.81
Real	123,533.29	805.65	.00	55,345.44	179,684.38
N. Easton	4,395.94	14.75	.00	1,618.57	6,029.26
S. Easton	2,136.92	25.95	.00	1,207.71	3,370.58
Unionville	685.19	8.70	.00	304.32	998.21
E. Center	397.08	25.20	.00	379.24	801.52
Total	\$161,205.53	\$1,381.79	\$55.73	\$64,588.39	\$227,231.44

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,

Collector of Taxes.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1939	\$116,157.65
Notes in anticipation of Revenue	150,000.00

Received from Collector of Taxes:

Town and District Taxes of 1937	17,485.38
Town and District Taxes of 1938	29,024.82
Town and District Taxes of 1939	161,205.53
Interest on Taxes	2,156.79

Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Income Tax	21,668.24
Corporation Tax, Business	4,381.41
Highway Fund, Chap. 232	10,320.62
Burial of Indigent Soldier	75.25
Public Works, Highway Dept.	13.75

Received from County of Bristol:

Dog Fund of 1938	844.44
Oliver Ames Highway Fund, Income	17,363.26
Oliver Ames Highway 2nd Fund, Income	1,116.25
Oliver Ames School Fund, Income	14,081.61
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds, Income	579.43
Young Scholarship Fund, Income	69.14
Dog Licenses of 1939	1,254.80
Federal Grant, Old Age Assistance	24,163.65
Federal Grant, Old Age Assistance Administration	805.40
Federal Grant, Dependent Children	1,332.97

Federal Grant, Dependent Children, Administration	53.59
Interest on Treasurer's Certificates of Deposit	125.00
Federal Grant for School Building	18,204.74
Department Receipts:	
Dog Officer	146.74
Fire Department	7.00
Health	381.16
Highways	316.65
Incidentals	3,610.00
Infirmery	92.95
Insurance	55.28
Old Age Assistance	17,306.41
Public Welfare	7,862.99
Police	79.38
Registrars of Voters	3.00
Schools	2,367.27
Sealer of Weights and Measures	80.00
State Aid	122.00
Tax Collector	694.69
Town Clerk	736.30
Town Hall	16.00
Aid to Dependent Children	595.66
	\$626,957.10

EXPENDITURES

Notes in Anticipation of Revenue	\$150,000.00
Interest on Notes	327.00.
North Easton District Taxes	5,924.70
South Easton and Eastondale Dis- trict Taxes	3,641.09
Unionville District Taxes	1,030.28
Easton Center District Taxes	941.61

Tax Refunds:

Excise Tax of 1939	55.73
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Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

State Tax	15,300.00
State Parks and Reservations	258.95
Veterans' Exemption	33.59
Auditing Accounts	644.46

Paid County of Bristol:

County Tax	9,271.61
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	4,170.85
Dog Licenses	1,256.00
Selectmen's Expense	197.90
Town Offices	872.44
Town Accountant's Salary	500.00
Town Accountants' Expense	26.89
Treasurer's Expense	513.22
Collector's Expense	749.20
Assessors' Expense	506.99
Law	600.00
Town Clerk's Expense	195.17
Assistant to Clerk, Treas. and Collector	1,200.00
Elections	307.89
Registrars' Salaries	225.00
Registrars' Expense	440.61
Town Officers' Salaries	5,265.00
Police	6,673.84
Police Automobile	600.00
Dog Officer	136.00
Fire Department	8,481.87
Rent of Fire Station	1,600.00
Forest Warden	300.00
Tree Department	2,999.86
Moth Department	2,498.17
Sealer of Weights and Measures	496.22
Inspection of Animals	100.00
Health	2,499.56

Highways	29,623.25
Highways, Tar	4,711.23
Highways, Machinery Account	3,999.92
Highways, December Snow Removal	202.63
Public Welfare	22,761.40
Old Age Assistance, Relief	54,296.70
Old Age Assistance, Administration	832.74
Aid to Dependent Children, Relief	5,853.75
Aid to Dependent Children, Administration	3.25
Town Physician	600.00
Infirmery	4,459.90
State Aid	112.00
Soldiers' Relief	2,812.85
Pensions	991.00
Town's Share of Federal Projects	9,638.15
Schools	90,130.74
School Building Account	51,451.58
School Bonds	9,500.00
Interest on School Bonds	4,146.25
Incidentals	87.89
Memorial Day	349.34
Cemeteries	258.18
Town Reports	426.40
Young Scholarship Fund	69.14
Unpaid Bills of 1938	3,089.81
Balance, December 31, 1939	95,707.30
	\$626,957.10

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUNDS HELD BY TOWN TREASURER

	Principal	Balance Dec. 31 1938	Interest 1939	With- drawn 1939	Balance Dec. 31 1939
Daniel M. Dailey Fund	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.77	\$ 150.00
Daniel Belcher Fund	200.00	280.99	7.05	7.05	280.99
Margaret J. Fisher Fund	100.00	120.71	3.03	3.03	120.71
Almira E. Packard Fund	100.00	174.46	4.38	4.38	174.46
Lewis Williams Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Lothrop & Towne Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Cyrus Alger Fund	300.00	400.00	10.06	10.06	400.00
Pine Grove Cemetery	1,480.38	1,480.38	37.23	37.23	1,480.38
E. D. & E. H. Williams Fund	150.00	150.00	3.77	3.77	150.00
Elizabeth F. Drake Fund	200.00	279.41	7.02	7.02	279.41
William Erving Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
S. Olive Drake Fund	243.41	354.38	7.11	7.00	354.49
Robert M. Malloy Lots	100.00	120.70	3.03	—	123.73
Archie J. McEntee Lot	100.00	123.33	3.09	.....	126.42
Thos. C. McDermott Lots	1,000.00	1,000.00	25.09	5.00	1,020.09
E. L. Lewis Fund	200.00	200.00	5.03	5.03	200.00
Dean, Keith Family Lot	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Reed Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer of Easton.

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUNDS HELD BY THE SELECTMEN

	Principal	Balance Dec.-31 1938	Interest 1939	With- drawn 1939	Balance Dec. 31 1939
Nancy B. Buck Fund	\$200.00	\$211.18	\$5.30	\$5.30	\$211.18
Josiah Williams Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00
Howe-Keith-White Fund	200.00	260.00	6.54	6.54	260.00
Seth L. French Fund	100.00	100.00	2.51	2.51	100.00

ALBERT E. WOOD,
EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
Selectmen of Easton.

REPORT OF THE HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE
SPECIAL CEMETERY FUND

Original amount of Fund		\$500.00
Balance North Easton Savings Bank		
January 1, 1939	\$800.00	
Interest added in 1939	20.13	
		\$820.13
Transferred to Town Treasurer's		
account 1939	\$20.13	
Balance North Easton Savings Bank		
Dec. 31, 1939	800.00	
		\$820.13

REPORT OF THE HIRAM P. AND MARY L. DRAKE
GENERAL CEMETERY FUND

Original amount of Fund		\$10,685.75
Original sum turned over to the		
Town of Easton as shown in		
Executor's account in North		
Easton Savings Bank	\$10,685.75	
Interest added in 1939	268.80	
		\$10,954.55
Transferred to Town Treasurer's		
Account, 1939	\$268.80	
Balance, North Easton Savings		
Bank, January 1, 1940	10,685.75	
		\$10,954.55

ALBERT E. WOOD,
EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
Selectmen of Easton.

WORLD WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The following is a statement of the condition of the World War Memorial Fund as of December 31, 1939:

On deposit December 31, 1938		\$10,904.49
Credited, interest, April, 1939	\$136.30	
Credited, interest, October, 1939	138.00	
Credit balance December 31, 1939		\$11,178.79

*This account is in the North Easton Savings Bank to the credit of "Treasurer, Town of Easton"

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer, Town of Easton.

OAKES AMES MEMORIAL HALL ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1939

Balance on hand January 1, 1939	\$43.81
Received for rent of halls, entertainments, etc.	69.18
	\$112.99

EXPENDITURES

Janitor	\$58.76	
Coal	14.00	
Light	14.08	
Water	10.00	
Miscellaneous	2.25	
		99.09
Balance on hand January 1, 1940		\$13.90

INSURANCE FUND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand January 1, 1939	\$3,134.23
Interest received from income on stocks and bonds held for insurance and repair acct.	618.00
Interest on Deposits in North Easton Savings Bank	81.06
	\$3,833.29

EXPENDITURES

Insurance	\$170.66	
Repairs	57.90	
		228.56
Balance on hand January 1, 1940		\$3,604.73

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. FIELD,
Treasurer.

SUMMARY OF AMES TRUST FUNDS
HELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE TOWN OF EASTON

The following statement is supplied the Town Treasurer by the office of the Trustees, Messrs. John S. Ames and William A. Parker.

"Following is a summary of the Ames Trust Funds held for the benefit of the Town of Easton as of December 31, 1939, together with an estimate of 1940 income. The estimate for 1940 income is based on the amounts which the various companies are now paying. This estimate does not allow for any deductions which may have to be made before the net income is paid over to the Town of Easton; neither does it take into consideration any extra dividends which might be paid by the various companies."

Funds for the Benefit of the Easton Highways:

	Book Value	Approximate M'ket Value	Income paid Town, 1939	Est. inc. from Securities, '40
Original				
Fund	\$366,513.38	\$377,612.05	\$17,363.26	\$16,500.00
Permanent				
Fund	24,290.40	26,512.87	1,116.25	1,000.00

Fund for the Benefit of the Easton Schools:

Original				
Fund	\$311,907.46	\$310,802.30	\$14,081.61	\$13,000.00

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer of Easton.

LIST OF JURORS

July 1, 1939

Alger, Martin L.	Foundry Street	Mechanic
Alward, Daniel R.	Main Street	Shovel Worker
Anderson, Frank J.	King Avenue	Mechanic
Anderson, Milton I.	Linden Street	Merchant
Anderson, Wendell G.	Depot Street	Salesman
Belcher, John W.	Foundry Street	Carpenter
Berglund, Algot I.	Washington Street	Gas Station
Blood, Warren E.	Turnpike Street	Gas Station
Callahan, Edward F.	Highland Street	Bookkeeper
Canegaly, Harry J.	Foundry Street	Shoe Worker
Carter, George A., Sr.	Lincoln Street	Caretaker
Chevers, Harold F.	Oliver Street	Machinist
Chillingworth, John A.	Washington Street	Caretaker
Dahlborg, Adolph W.	Seaver Street	Shoe Worker
Dahlborg, Hobart F.	Pleasant Street	Laborer
Dahlborg, Robert E.	Jenny Lind Street	Clerk
Darling, Harold T.	Washington Street	Restaurateur
Davis, Walter F.	Elm Street	Laborer
Downey, James P.	Lincoln Street	Pattern Maker
Edlund, Elof E.	Sheridan Street	Truck Driver
Erving, Russell M.	Foundry Street	Bus Driver
Fenwick, Aubrey B.	Mechanic Street	Office Manager
Field, Burton M., Jr.	Belmont Street	Poultryman
Flynn, William L.	Columbus Avenue	Salesman
Garcia, Joaquin	Center Street	Machinist
Goward, Josiah G.	Oakland Avenue	Meat Cutter
Gurney, Lawrence L.	Purchase Street	Shovel Worker
Hamblin, George W.	Union Street	Carpenter
Harlow, John M.	Hayward Street	Solicitor
Hayward, Harold W.	Foundry Street	Civil Engineer
Healey, James H.	Main Street	Mail Carrier

Johnson, Aldo D.	Seaver Street	Bank Clerk
Knapp, William J.	Union Street	Ice Dealer
Lawson, Harry S.	Mechanic Street	Shoe Worker
Long, Thomas P.	Main Street	Clerk
Loundes, Samuel J.	Pond Street	Chauffeur
Mahoney, John F.	Lincoln Street	Shoe Worker
McEntee, John H.	Canton Street	Chauffeur
McMenamy, Louis	Williams Street	Meat Cutter
Murray, Joseph	Lincoln Street	Rubber Worker
O'Connell, William J.	Center Street	Gardener
O'Neil, James	Sheridan Street	Retired
Palm, Carl A.	Highland Street	Truck Driver
Perry, Fred L.	Columbus Avenue	Contractor
Peterson, Carl J. L.	Mechanic Street	Rubber Worker
Phillips, David O.	Walnut Avenue	Road Department
Pickett, David	Foundry Street	Gas Station
Pierson, Edwin S.	Seaver Street	Shoe Worker
Powell, George C.	Day Street	Taxi Operator
Prior, Leon C.	Turnpike Street	Postal Clerk
Readdy, Patrick J.	Seaver Street	Merchant
Ripley, Clifton C.	Purchase Street	Bookkeeper
Rohdin, Clinton W.	Bay Street	Dairyman
Rosen, Elton A.	Reynolds Street	Instructor
Stanton, John T.	Center Street	Mechanic
Straight, Forest R.	Turnpike St.	Auto & Sign Painter
Thompson, Henry K.	Main Street	Clerk
Walett, Gustaf A.	Washington Street	Mechanic
Walker, Maynard A.	Central Street	Machinist
Watt, James, Jr.	Elm Street	Gardener
Weir, Ernest B.	Columbus Avenue	Carpenter
Wilde, Francis L.	Jenny Lind Street	Shovel Worker
Wood, George R.	Main Street	Office Worker

EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
 ALBERT E. WOOD,
 ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
 Selectmen of Easton.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

I submit the following report of the work of the Tree Department for the year 1939.

Other than the usual maintenance work of the department, the work has been confined to the removal of trees made dangerous by the storm of last year, the cutting back of the stubs left from the emergency work, smoothing and treating of the breaks from split limbs, and the bolting of those trees of sufficient value to warrant the expense.

Since January 1, 1939, one hundred twenty-two trees have been removed. This brings the total number of street trees removed since the storm of September 21, 1938, to six hundred eight. Sixty-eight trees were bolted.

The appropriation for 1939 was not sufficient to allow us to cover the entire town on this work, and the section west of and including the Bay Road and Lincoln Street remains to be completed.

In the area already gone over, after every heavy wind, we are finding still more trees so weakened by the storm that the trees are leaning dangerously, and many broken limbs are hanging on the wires, or in the highway. This means that the truck is called out after almost every storm, and this will continue to be an added expense for some time to come.

Very few fall web worms, tent caterpillars or willow beetles were found. No satin moth was noted.

A rather bad outbreak of the elm leaf beetle in the Washington Street section of the town developed, due to the fact

that no spraying was done by the State on the state highway. There was the usual spraying of our elms, and with the exception of those near the state highway, very few beetles were found.

The spread of the Dutch elm disease has reached the Massachusetts line, but in the last report received, none has as yet been found in Massachusetts. Those who have charge of the control work express hope that it may be possible to keep it from entering the state, or in the event of isolated cases being found, to remove them in time to prevent further spread of the disease.

I have received many requests for the planting of trees, to replace those taken out. While I believe this work should be done, in view of the extra work necessary to keep our trees in a safe condition this year, I do not feel warranted in recommending an added appropriation for this purpose at this time. Should conditions warrant it another year, provision should be made to replace many of these trees.

The Postal Telegraph was the only company to clear their wires this year. The only trimming by the Edison and Telephone companies was for new construction or rebuilt lines. All trimming done by these companies was under my supervision.

As stated in my 1938 report, the matter of collecting damages for the four trees killed by gas on Turnpike Street was placed in the hands of the Town Counsel. Settlement was made with the Gas Company for \$300.00. Your Tree Warden believes that not only was this sum much too small, but that it establishes a bad precedent for any future cases that may arise.

To keep the shade trees in a safe and healthy condition will require the expenditure of more money for several years. Other than from the results of the storm, many trees are past their beauty and usefulness, are becoming dangerous to traffic

and property, and will have to be removed.

To carry on the work of the department for 1940, I recommend that the town raise and appropriate \$3,500.00.

Appropriation for 1939	\$3,000.00
Expended	2,999.86
Balance	.14

For a detailed account of expenses, see the Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,
ROSCOE W. MELENDY,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

To the Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

I submit the following report of the work of the Moth Department for the year 1939.

Conditions throughout the town show improvement except for the large number of small colonies scattered in the residential section. This condition was foreseen last year, as a result of the scattering of egg clusters carried on wood salvaged from the storm, but is much more general than was expected. The heavy infestations are in the central and southeastern parts of the town, and there was defoliation in some areas in these sections.

The wilt disease did not spread as rapidly as was hoped, but was found to have developed to a small degree in these

newer colonies.

W. P. A. projects assisted in the creosote work and spraying, taking one shift on the spray outfit. At the time of writing, there are no W. P. A. projects at work on departmental projects, but I am promised a creosote project, to start Tuesday, January 30th.

The Bean spray outfit, purchased last year, gave good service. The truck is in fair condition. Only small repairs were required this year.

The spread of the Browntail moth, through wind drift from the storm last year, has not developed as was expected, and to date only one small web has been found in Easton. It is safe to say there will be no serious outbreak from this source. There will be more creosote work, as well as more spraying needed, to take care of the small colonies, that they may not develop into large colonies, with results such as we have experienced in the past.

If you wish this work carried through, it will require a larger appropriation, and for the year 1940 I recommend that the sum of \$3,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Appropriation for 1939	\$2,500.00
Expended	2,498.17
Balance	\$ 1.83

For a detailed account of expenses, see the Town Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE W. MELENDY,
Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

ORGANIZATION

Luther E. Swift, Chairman
John J. Galvin
Sigfrid V. Ledin
Harry R. Franklin, Clerk ex officio

The usual sessions for registration were held, and the check list as reported to the Secretary of the Commonwealth was as follows:

Precinct One	480
Precinct Two	1977
Precinct Three	658
Total	3115

The number of voters checked at the Annual Town Meeting was 625, and at the Special Town Meeting in October was 320. There were 1933 ballots cast at the Annual Town Election in March, 1939.

Chapter 440 of the Acts of 1938, effective January 1, 1939, transferred certain duties of local Assessors to the Registrars of Voters.

This law was enacted as a result of the report of the Special Commission created to investigate the subject of registration and identification of voters. The Commission and the Legislature, by the passage of this act, apparently felt that the Registrars of Voters and Election Commissioners should be solely responsible for the accuracy of the lists of persons eligible to vote.

Briefly, the law takes away from the Assessors and places upon the Registrars of Voters the duty of listing all male persons twenty years of age or older, liable to be assessed a poll tax, and all women twenty years of age or older. Under the law the Registrars or Assistant Registrars must annually in January or February visit every building in their respective cities and towns and make true lists of all such persons.

These lists in every case must contain the name, age, occupation, and if not a citizen of the United States, his or her nationality. The residence on January 1st in the current year and in the preceding year must also be listed. The Registrars may appoint Assistant Registrars, or, with the approval of the Selectmen, may use the police in this work. These lists so prepared will be used by the Registrars in the annual revision of voting lists.

The Registrars must send a copy of the list of males to the Assessors for the purpose of assessment of poll taxes.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 440 of the Acts of 1938, the Board appointed three Assistant Registrars, who were also appointed Special Police Officers. The listing of men, 18 to 45, the poll list, listing of women 20 and over, and the list of dog owners was compiled by these Assistant Registrars.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER E. SWIFT
JOHN J. GALVIN
SIGFRID V. LEDIN,
HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Registrars of Voters.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of Easton :

We respectfully submit the following report of the financial condition of the Town of Easton as assessed January 1, 1939.

Value of Real Estate	\$4,382,530.00
Value of Personal Estate	519,450.00
Value of Real Estate assessed in December	850.00

Total value assessed	\$4,902,830.00
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Value of automobiles assessed	\$376,630.00
Number of automobiles assessed	2,035
Rate of Excise tax per thousand	\$35.90
Number of corporations and persons assessed	1,486
Rate of Property tax per thousand of valuation	\$41.00
Number of males assessed	1,976
Rate of Poll tax	\$2.00
Number of dwelling houses assessed	1,386
Number of acres of land assessed	16,544.66
Number of horses assessed	67
Number of cows assessed	506
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed	72
Number of swine assessed	29
Number of fowl assessed	24,585

Valuation of Districts:

North Easton Village District	\$2,411,550.00
South Easton and Eastondale District	1,123,395.00
Unionville District	499,105.00
Easton Center District	100,190.00

Total amount raised and appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting of March 6, 1939, including the Overlay	\$238,743.69
State Tax and Assessment	22,950.00
State Parks Tax and Assessment	306.71
Interest on School Bonds	3,646.36
School Bond	2,000.00
Veterans' Exemptions	.48
Auditing Municipal Accounts	644.46
County Tax	9,271.61
County Hospital Tax	4,170.85
Gross amount raised	\$281,734.16
Estimated Receipts	76,799.97
Total amount raised by taxation on Polls and Property	\$204,934.19

There was an increase in the town tax rate in 1939 over 1938 of \$6.70 per thousand of valuation, due chiefly to the increased appropriations locally and to a larger state tax and assessment.

There was a loss in assessable real estate of \$4,765.00 and a gain of personal property of \$20,700.00 making a net gain of valuation of assessable property of \$15,935.00.

There was a decrease of \$4,060.00 in the assessed valuation of motor vehicles as compared with the previous year.

FRANK C. WADE,
AUGUSTUS HOPKINS,
JOSEPH W. LINEHAN,
Assessors of Easton.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Selectmen of the Town of Easton :

I submit the following report of the activities of the Street Department for the year 1939.

Removal of snow and an extraordinary amount of sanding occupied the department through the first three months of the year. This work was facilitated by addition to the equipment of one new snow plow and two mechanical sand spreaders. The department now has in operation three tractor plows and seven truck plows, three of the latter being operated by hired trucks.

As concerns the annual spring campaign of repairs and maintenance, it is of interest to note, that while the mileage of unsurfaced gravel roads has been gradually reduced, increased traffic and speed requires more frequent maintenance. As the mileage of tar surfaced roads has been increased so also has maintenance of that type. The cleaning of catch basins is no longer a minor operation because of the greatly increased number throughout the town; added by W. P. A. projects and the use of sand on the streets during icy periods, some portion of which finds its way to the basins. Seasonal work of this nature shows no sign of decrease.

The retreatment of tar surfaced roads and streets was as follows:

Entire Length	
Short Street	Purchase Street
Church Street	Sand Street
Columbus Avenue	

In Part

Center Street
Foundry Street
Prospect Street

Central Street
Bay Road
Depot Street

Poquanticut Avenue

This work required over 40,000 gal. of Tarvia. A substantial balance of the funds ear-marked for the purchase of tar remains unexpended because of the early arrival of cold weather in the Fall making successful application too uncertain. The employment of department trucks on W. P. A. projects during the summer months also delayed this work.

Because of the complete failure of the old stone bridge on Sand Street, Eastondale, it was necessary to construct a new one of heavier type. Its position was altered slightly from that of the old one to fit a proposed lay out for a future street improvement and widening. Because of its eighteen foot span, it was necessary to have the plans and specifications approved by the State Department of Public Works, Division of Bridges.

The new bridge is of the multi-plate arch type, thirty-three feet long with an eighteen foot span, costing \$4,000 including replacing of road surface and fences.

An approximate 1000 feet of new surface was applied to Prospect Street west of the corner of Howard Street.

A list of W. P. A. Highway Projects will be found in the Selectmen's Report.

With one exception our six dump trucks have arrived at an age where they can no longer be economically operated. I therefore urgently recommend that at least two trucks be replaced yearly for the next three years.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. WILBUR.

Superintendent of Streets.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Easton:

I herewith submit the report of the Police Department
of the Town of Easton for the year ending December 31,
1939:

PERSONNEL

CHIEF

Herbert S. Berglund

PATROLMEN

James F. O'Neil

George Pierson

SPECIAL PATROLMEN

James Bradley

William J. Cahill

Carl A. Palm

Ernest B. Weir

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Carl A. Benson

James O'Neil

Alfred N. Dahlborg

George A. Quallins

Cornelius P. Dailey

Conrad Carlson

Hjalmer Johnson

POLICE REVOLVER INSTRUCTOR

Robert Samuelson

REPORT OF ARRESTS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Offense	Female	Male
Abortion	1	
Assault and Battery		4
Begetting		2
Breaking and Entering and Larceny (night time)		1
Delinquents		3
Desertion		1
Drunk		21
Escaped Patient (Insane)		1
Failing to Stop at Stop Sign		2
Insane (Committed to Hospital)		2
Larceny		2
Larceny of Auto		2
Labor Laws (Violation of)		8
Leaving the Scene of an Accident		2
Lewd and Lascivious		1
Neglected Child		1
Neglect to Provide		6
Operating under the Influence		4
Operating so as to Endanger	1	10
Operating Without a License		4
Operating Without a License in Possession		1
Operating With Illegally Attached Plates		2
Operating an Uninsured Car		2
Operating an Unregistered Car		1
Speeding		21
Violation Probation		2
Arrests for Other Police Departments:		
Delinquents		2
Drunk		1
Illegitimacy		1
Leaving the Scene of an Accident		1
Neglect to Provide		2

Operating Under the Influence	2
Using a Car Without Authority	2

Total	2	117
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Total Amount of Fines	\$897.00
Total Amount of Jail Sentences Imposed	7 years 1 month
Total Probation Periods	12 years 5 months
Class 1 Dealers' Reports re Motor Vehicles	504
Class 2 Dealers' Reports re Motor Vehicles	8
Individual Transfer or Sale Reports	137
Complaints	774
Investigations	964
Persons Reported Missing	9
Persons Located	11
Summons Served from Easton Police	38
Summons Served from Other Police Departments	45
Breaks in Buildings	7
Messages Delivered	36
Doors Found Open	7
Bicycles Reported Stolen	4
Bicycles Recovered	4
Cars Reported Stolen	3
Cars Recovered	3
Licenses Suspended	39
Reports to the Registry of Motor Vehicles Filed	47
Property Reported Lost or Stolen	Total Value \$2,385.00
Property Lost or Stolen Recovered	Total Value 1,777.50
Revolver Permits Issued	25
Revolver Permits Issued to Police	14
Days in District Court	94
Days in Superior Court	27

ARRESTS MADE BY STATE POLICE IN THE TOWN OF EASTON FROM JAN. 1 TO DEC. 31, 1939

Offense	Female	Male
Drunk		7
Larceny of Auto		1
Leaving the Scene of Accident		1
Operating after Revocation		1
Operating to Endanger		1
Operating under Influence		5
Operating License Suspended		2
Operating Without License		1
Speeding		3
Suspicious Person		1
Total		23

TRAFFIC REPORT

Accidents Reported Involving Personal Injury	41
Accidents Reported Involving Property Damage	37
Fatal Accidents	None
Pedestrians Involved in Accidents	3
Bicycles Involved in Accidents	2

Of the above pedestrians injured, two were children of school age.

Both accidents involving bicycles were children of school age. However, none of the above were en route to or from school.

Of the above accidents involving personal injury, sixteen operators were residents of Easton.

Only sixteen of the accidents involving personal injury occurred on the State Highway, Route 138. In 1938 there were twenty-five. This tends to show that we are having more accidents on our highways than the state highway, which has a much greater volume of traffic.

I suggest that we erect adequate signs in dangerous places and intersections where there are none. Also raise the present traffic warning signs to a height of six feet as on the state highways.

Plans of traffic islands and warning signs at the following intersections have been presented to your Finance Committee for their approval:

At the interesection of Main, Center and Lincoln Streets in North Easton.

At the intersection of Central and Washington Streets in South Easton.

At the interesection of Bay and Foundry Streets in Easton, or (The Five Corners).

During the past year a guard rail was erected on the north side of the railroad bridge on Main Street.

Stop signs were erected at the intersection of Washington and Union Streets.

Two school warning signs were erected on Rockland Street, on Pine Street and on the Bay Road. The latter was done at very little cost due to the kindness of a citizen of the town and the cooperation of the Highway Department.

The new Police Ambulance Cruiser has been very beneficial in accident cases and in Town Relief cases. During one week five patients were removed to hospitals.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and all other town departments and their members for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. BERGLUND,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1939.

Total number of calls	150
Building fires	19
Chimney fires	28
Motor and automobile fires	11
False Alarms	9
Brush and grass fires	51
Telephone and oral calls	27
Unnecessary calls	3
Call for inhalator	1
Call for accident	1
Permits granted:	
Storage of fuel oil	54
Storage of inflammable fluids	1
Transportation and use of explosives	6
Storage and sale of fireworks	9
Permits for fires in the open air	439
Investigations for fire tower operators	34

We had a good year as regards fire losses. The major losses were from fires of incendiary origin, and although we had a large number of calls for brush and grass fires, they were quickly controlled and no brush fire exceeded two acres. The outside lines of the Fire Alarm System were rewired during the year through the aid of a W. P. A. Project and we now have new wire throughout the system with the exception of North Main Street and a part of Center Street. These lines will have to be pulled up this year and the lines cleared

as new wire stretches out after being strung. The System was also extended to the Unionville District, and with the installing of two boxes this year that section will be well covered.

The Ahrens Fox Pump was overhauled and reconditioned during the year and I intend to make some improvements on the small unit at South Easton. The Station at North Easton leaks badly and the building needs painting. The boiler in this building is thirty-six years old and has been in poor condition for some time.

I do not think any expending of money on repairs on this boiler would be wise.

Respectfully submitted,

CORNELIUS P. DAILEY,
Chief Fire Department.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Selectmen of the Town of Easton:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

During the year I have inspected 570 cows, 130 young stock, and 23 bulls, a total of 723 head.

I have also inspected the premises and conditions under which the cattle are stabled.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLINTON GOWARD,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Selectmen of Easton,
Gentlemen:

Following is my report as Dog Officer for Easton for the year ending December 31, 1939.

On July 1, 1939, there was submitted to me a list showing 170 unlicensed dogs located in all sections of the town. The owners or keepers thereof were all contacted and interviewed by me, and in many instances only after repeated visits at their residences. These visits resulted in the license being paid or the dog being disposed of satisfactorily.

During the year 34 stray dogs were picked up, confined, and disposed of, as is provided by law.

There were fifteen complaints entered with me for investigation respecting persons having been bitten by dogs, and 4 restraint notices were served in respect thereto. I also received and investigated 11 complaints respecting property damage by dogs, consisting mainly of poultry killed, etc. Many of these complaints consumed hours of time in making the investigation, and a considerable transportation expense was incurred, for which there is no reimbursement provided.

In view of the fact that the town is repaid from the County Treasury for every dollar paid its Dog Officer, I urge that a larger appropriation be recommended, so that the Dog Officer can be compensated commensurate with the service he renders. As the situation has been in the past, I honestly earn the \$90.00 appropriated early in the season, and from then on I am donating my time and my money to carry on the duties of the office.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CHILLINGWORTH,

Dog Officer.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Selectmen of Easton:

I respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1939.

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Platform Scales over 5000 lbs.	2	9		
Platform Scales under 5000 lbs.	10	34		
Counter Scales 100 lbs. or over	1	2		
Counter Scales under 100 lbs.		14		
Spring Scales 100 lbs. or over		8		1
Spring Scales under 100 lbs.	8	32	2	
Computing Scales under 100 lbs.	4	13		
Personal Weighing (Slot)		5		
Prescription Scales		3		
Avoirdupois Weight	25	168		
Apothecary Weights		52		
Metric Weights		15		
Liquid Measures		68		
Oil Jars		24	68	5
Dry Measures		7		4
Gasoline Pumps		15	2	2
Gasoline Meters	18	59		
Oil Meters (Vehicle Tanks)	2	5		
Kerosene Pumps	3	5		
Oil Pumps		21	38	

Grease Pumps		10
Quantity Measures on Pumps	34	114
Yard Sticks		6

Inspections:

Transient Vendors	7
Milk Jars	12
Peddler's Licenses	18
Ice Scales	6
Junk Dealers	3
Berry Baskets	6
Approved Paper Cartons	11
Clinical Thermometers	14
Coal in Bags	24
Coke in Bags	8
Oil Jars	93
Miscellaneous	20

Other Inspections:

Butter 15, Potatoes 6, Markings on Bread 20, Roadside
Stands, Poultrymen, Bakery Drivers, etc. Gas Pump
Resets 68, Reweighings 70.

Appropriation	\$500.00
Salary and Expenses	497.00
Balance	\$ 3.00
Receipts	101.43
	\$104.43
Net Cost of Dept. to Town	\$395.57

Respectfully submitted,

PATRICK J. READDY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Easton:

The number of diseases dangerous to the public health reported in the year 1939 was ninety-five, as follows: Chicken Pox, thirty-two; Measles, twelve; Mumps, two; Lobar Pneumonia, ten; Whooping Cough, one; Scarlet Fever, twelve; Pulmonary Tuberculosis, six; Tuberculosis, other forms, one; Dog Bite, nineteen.

Deaths from reportable diseases were six; three from Lobar Pneumonia and three from Pulmonary Tuberculosis. The number of deaths of residents of Easton from all causes was seventy-three, a death rate of 13.7 per thousand, based on a population of 5294.

The number of births was seventy-nine, a birth rate of 14.9 per thousand.

In 1937 and 1938 we had exceptionally good years from a financial standpoint; in consequence we turned back into the treasury a substantial part of the appropriation. This was due to the fact that in those years we had fewer hospital cases and our hospital expense was unusually small. In 1939, however, we had seven patients in Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital, with an average of four patients throughout the year. We also had to hospitalize a Scarlet Fever patient. As a matter of comparison, our expense for this class of service in 1938 was \$873.45, while in 1939 it was \$1,974.06.

In 1939 our appropriation was reduced \$500.00, and as a result our expenses exceeded our appropriation, and we have unpaid bills of \$454.60. This amount should be raised and appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Diphtheria immunization clinic was conducted as usual this year, and no case of Diphtheria has been reported to the board during the year.

Licenses issued by the board in effect in 1939 were as follows: Milk licenses and permits, one hundred thirty-five; Oleomargarine licenses, four; Pasteurization license, one; Garbage Collector's licenses, five; permits to keep Swine, seven; Manicure and Massage licenses, nine; Manufacture of Non-Alcoholic Beverages, one; Methyl Alcohol license, one. There were thirty-eight burial permits issued.

We append the report of the Milk Inspector.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. O'CONNELL,
CORA M. HENNIGAR,
ROBERT B. PORTER,
Board of Health of Easton.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF MILK

North Easton, Mass.,
December 31, 1939.

Mr. D. J. O'Connell, Chairman,
Easton Board of Health,

Dear Sir:

The following is the report of the Milk Inspector for the year 1939, this being the seventeenth in a series of annual reports by me.

During the year, 165 samples of milk were collected and

tested for the percentage of butterfat, solids not fat, total solids, sediment, and plated for bacterial count.

Thirty-four farms on which two or more cows were kept were inspected and the herd, barn, milkroom, and utensils scored according to the official score-card of the Massachusetts Milk Regulation Board. Several of these farms necessitated return visits and re-inspections. After prescribed conditions were met, these farms were approved for certificates of registration.

Licenses issued to stores for the sale of Oleomargarine numbered four; Milk Licenses for Vehicles, twenty; and Store Licenses for the sale of milk or cream, thirty-nine.

One sample only proved below legal standard in butterfat and total solids and this dealer promptly raised his standard upon receipt of a warning.

Very satisfactory quality as evidenced by low bacterial counts and butterfat and total solids in excess of legal requirements has been noted in a majority of cases, which I am happy to say speaks well of the co-operative efforts of Easton and out of town producers and dealers.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO J. FITZPATRICK,

Inspector of Milk.

TOWN OF EASTON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1939

ASSETS

Assessed Valuations, 1939

Personal Property	\$ 519,450.00	
Real Estate	4,382,530.00	
		\$4,901,980.00
Valuation of Automobiles for 1939 (2037 cars assessed)		376,630.00
Total assessed valuations		\$5,278,610.00
Valuation of tax-exempt property:		
Real Estate owned by Town of Easton; School Buildings, In- firmmary, Barn, Fire Stations, etc.	\$703,500.00	
Personal Property owned by Town:		
Fire Equipment, School Fur- nishings, etc.	62,700.00	
Real Estate owned privately but exempt:		
Playgrounds, Library, Church- es, Seminary, Memorial Hall, etc.	259,650.00	
Exempt Personal Property	18,500.00	
Privately owned Machinery:		
Tax now paid to State, exempt in Easton	\$118,000.00	
Total Tax-Exempt Valuations		\$1,162,350.00
Total Valuations		\$6,440,960.00

LIABILITIES

Outstanding School Bonds, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % (1929)	\$75,000.00	
Outstanding School Bonds, 2% (1938)	30,000.00	
Unpaid Anticipation Note (due Jan. 30, 1940)	75,000.00	
		\$180,000.00
Cash in Treasury (General Account)		95,333.33
Net Indebtedness	\$	84,666.67

UNCOLLECTED TOWN AND DISTRICT TAXES

As of December 31, 1939

	Commitment	Uncollected	% Collected
For the year 1938	\$195,139.90	\$19,661.10	.90
For the year 1939	227,175.71	64,588.39	.72
Total uncollected		\$84,249.49	

The Town of Easton holds no tax titles.

Estimated income from Ames Trust Funds for 1940, \$30,500.00 for use of School and Road Departments.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY R. FRANKLIN,
Treasurer and Tax Collector.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Citizens of Easton:

It is our privilege to submit the following report for the year of 1939.

Owing to the collapse of the old bridge on Sand Street, an unforeseen emergency was created which necessitated the major project of building the present new one at the same site. The construction of this new bridge was completed by the Highway Department, and our attention has been attracted to the considerable amount of traffic over this bridge in preference to the State Highway, around by Morse's Corner, it being a shorter distance.

HIGHWAYS

There being no State and County money, known as Chapter 90, available this past year, we could not continue our work on Massapoag Avenue.

A repair and maintenance crew being all that was necessary, your Board deemed it advisable to reduce the number in the Highway Department from twenty to fourteen members, which is the present personnel; the majority of the men retired being of an age to be eligible for Old Age Assistance.

The trucks used in this department are now old, and the repairs on the same most expensive. Your Board recommends the purchase of two trucks annually until our old equipment is replaced by new. It is necessary to use these trucks on W. P. A. projects whenever the occasion requires as well as by the Highway Department, and for snow plowing and removal.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department continued to function in a most efficient manner. The personnel consists of men eager and willing to answer any and all alarms; by day or night, whenever life or property may be endangered.

A large number of the Firemen are graduates of the Fire School of Brockton. The Board appreciates their fine cooperation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department, with the help of the new Cruiser-Ambulance Car, are proving a most valuable and necessary asset to the Town. Although the car was not received until the last of the year, their work and assistance has been greatly appreciated. As the car is used every day and night, we recommend its annual replacement.

A detailed report of all Departments is to be found elsewhere.

W. P. A. REPORT

Projects Completed in 1939

Allen Road

Widening to 20 feet and gravelling 1.6 miles

Turnpike Street, Drain

Installing 1140 feet 12" concrete pipe and 9 catch basins

Reynolds Street, Drain

Installing 480 feet 12" concrete pipe and 5 catch basins

Mechanic Street at R. R. Station, Drain

Installing 430 feet 12" concrete pipe and 6 catch basins

Mechanic Street at Main, Drain

Installing 175 feet 12" concrete pipe and 3 catch basins

Central Street, Drain

Installing 460 feet 12" concrete pipe and 5 catch basins

Seaver Street, Drain

Installing 310 feet 12" corrugated iron pipe and 4 basins

Dean Street

Widening to 26 feet and gravelling 1.4 miles

Removing Fire Hazards from Hurricane

374 acres and cleaning 20 miles of fire lanes

Repairing Tree Damage

Cutting 1388 broken limbs and removing 61 trees

Repairing Fire Alarm System

7.3 miles

Water Main, Sheridan Street

1100 feet 6" cast iron pipe and 2 hydrants

Projects Started in 1939 and Still in Process of Completion

Howard Street

Widening to 24 feet gravel penetration 1.5 miles

South Street, Drain

Installing 1355 feet 12" V. C. pipe and 14 catch basins

Moth Control

Spraying 427 acres

Creosoting 858 acres

Woodland thinning 12 acres

No official of the Town receives any remuneration for sponsoring or administering the duties connected with the W. P. A. in Easton.

We desire to thank Miss Sutherland and Mrs. Atwood of the Easton Nursing Committee for their cooperation and untiring endeavors.

In conclusion we are pleased to say that we have had a very cooperative Board this year, and we have received the whole hearted support of all Departments subordinate to it.

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR W. BALDWIN,

ALBERT E. WOOD,

ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,

Selectmen of Easton.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

To the Citizens of Easton:

We submit hereunder a detailed, financial, and case load report.

1	Closed	\$ 40.00
2		230.00
3	Closed	340.00
4		528.00
5		240.00
6		159.26
7		480.00
8	Closed	70.00
9	Closed	43.00
10	Closed	220.00
11	Closed	200.00
12	Closed	28.00
13		220.64
14	Closed	13.95
		\$2,812.85
Open		6
Closed		8
		14
Appropriations		\$4,500.00
Expended		2,812.85
Unexpended Balance		\$1,687.15
Average cost per case		202.87

EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
ALBERT E. WOOD,
Selectmen of Easton.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WELFARE BOARD

To the Citizens of Easton:

GENERAL RELIEF

For your consideration we submit hereunder a detailed financial and case load accounting and during the year a total of 143 cases were dealt with and at the close of business December 31, 1939, there were but 60 active cases. Commencing with July 28, 1939, through to the end of year there was an upward trend of the relief load due to 43 W. P. A. workers having been dismissed after terminating 18 months' continuous service. Under the W. P. A. scheme, none of these workers could be re-assigned to project work for at least one month, but two months elapsed before any one of them were assigned. This situation did not arise during the year 1938.

Due to the absence of many case histories and the inadequacy of existing records, it became necessary to re-examine, and take a new application from every active case, and many closed ones. Where it was deemed necessary, relative, bank, wage, unemployment compensation, and life insurance reports were obtained from the proper sources, relative to the applicant for relief.

The legal settlement status of every case has been definitely established and reimbursement from the towns concerned, and the State, is now assured. We have been promised the payment of \$570.35, which has been outlawed, due Easton from a distant town. A personal visit to the town officials produced a promise of payment. Our files do not indicate that any positive steps were ever taken to recover

the amount involved. Another outstanding case concerns a person aided by Easton from 1935 to 1939 inclusive, involving an outlay of \$1,108.40. Due to no notice having been sent to a nearby town in 1935, and later a notice to the State, when it became an unsettled case, the Town of Easton is the loser with not even a remote chance of recovery.

The supervision of the several relief categories, namely, Temporary Aid, Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, requires eternal vigilance, and a tremendous amount of clerical work is involved in the cases dealt with.

During the latter part of the year, the State Department of Public Welfare was entirely reorganized and an entirely new method for dealing with case matters was instituted. A district state office, under control of a Director, is now established in Brockton, and the town of Easton clears all its relief matters through this office. All forms previously employed have been discarded and an entirely new scheme is in vogue. To perfect the changes, and carry on the voluminous work, your Board has been fortunate in securing the services of Miss Margaret E. Harvey. This lady has been gratuitously doing much of the clerical work during the past several years, and in so doing she has acquired a valuable knowledge of settlement laws, without which it is almost impossible to perform the duties of the Department.

The following lists of cases are being presented in greater detail than heretofore, and the taxpayer now has an opportunity of knowing how his relief expenditures are being made, and how much is due Easton from the State and other cities and towns, and whether or not the amounts due Easton are being recovered.

Hereunder is a tabulation showing total amounts of money expended by your town for relief purposes and the proportion of taxes raised therefor:

Public Welfare	\$22,761.40
Old Age Assistance (Net Town Cost)	12,826.64
Soldiers Relief	2,812.85
Aid to Dependent Children	3,925.12
Town Infirmary	4,459.90
W. P. A. (Sponsor's Share)	9,638.15
Total	\$56,424.06
Deduct: Receipts from	
State—Public Welfare	\$5,984.00
Towns—Public Welfare	1,878.99
Infirmary	92.95
	7,955.94
Total Relief Costs	\$48,468.12

Based on a total town valuation of \$5,000,000 this represents \$9.69 on your tax rate, *i. e.* for every \$1,000 expended, your tax rate increases 20c and for every \$5,000 expended it increases \$1.00; contrawise for savings.

Your Board takes this opportunity to publicly express their appreciation for the hearty cooperation and valuable aid rendered by the Nurses of the Easton Nursing Committee and Dr. W. M. Stevenson, our Town Physician. With approximately 400 cases included in all relief categories being subject to medical and nursing care, it is only fair to remind the citizens that the compensation granted our Town Physician is definitely not commensurate with the service he renders, nor, from all sources, is the Nursing Committee receiving the financial consideration it justly deserves. There is absolutely no reason why this organization should have to depend on several philanthropic citizens who come forward yearly with large financial contributions to insure the continuance of this worthy organization.

The recently acquired police cruiser ambulance has proved its worth in several instances, recently having trans-

ported emergency cases to hospitals at a tremendous saving over customary ambulance service charges. Your Board feels that when a citizen is rushed to a hospital, and is not on relief rolls, that a nominal charge be made for the service. Members of both the Police and Fire Departments are taking a course in First Aid to better fit them to deal with the sick and injured.

TOWN INFIRMARY

At the commencement of the year 1939, there were six inmates, and during the year two were admitted, making a total of eight. During the year two were discharged to enter private homes. On December 31, 1939, there was a total of six inmates, consisting of four men and two women.

The following laws relating to Support should be known to every citizen and taxpayer:

GENERAL LAWS

Chapter 117

"Section 5—A person, his executor or administrator, shall be liable in contract to any town for expenses incurred by it for his support."

"Section 6—The kindred of such poor persons, in the line or degree of father, mother and children, by consanguinity, living in the Commonwealth, and of sufficient ability, shall be bound to support such poor persons in proportion to their respective ability."

Chapter 273

"Section 20—Any person, over twenty-one, who, being possessed of sufficient means, unreasonably neglects to provide for the support and maintenance of his parent, whether father or mother, residing in the Commonwealth, when such parent through misfortune and without fault of his own is destitute of means of sustenance and unable by reason of old age, infirmity or illness to support or maintain himself, shall be

punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than one year or both. No such neglect or refusal shall be deemed unreasonable as to a child who shall not during his minority have been reasonably supported by such parent, if such parent was charged with the duty so to do, nor as to a child who, being one of two or more children, has made proper and reasonable contribution toward the support of such parent."

W. P. A. SEWING PROJECT

and

SURPLUS COMMODITIES

At the close of the year there were nine workers employed on this project, and the clothing produced is sent to a central department in Brockton for distribution to towns in the area.

The food and clothing dispensed under this plan is received from Brockton and is given out to persons based on need, and in this category are what is termed border line cases.

During the year there was distributed food and clothing valued as follows:

Food		\$10,321.08
Clothing		4,899.15
		\$15,220.23
Easton Settlement Residing in Easton	85	\$12,392.93
Easton Settlement Residing in other Cities and Towns	19	1,829.70
Settlement other Towns and Cities Residing in Easton	15	2,299.37
Unsettled State Cases Residing in Easton	24	4,428.88
Total	143	\$20,950.88

COMMODITIES EXPENSE

Surplus	\$ 343.20
Office Expense.....	399.67
Auto and Insurance	349.51
Wood Purchased	70.00
Telephone	73.62
Clerical Services	374.95
Travel Expense	41.72
Sundry Expense	7.85
Fine, late filing due to inadequate records	150.00

Total Welfare Expense	\$22,761.40
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Appropriation	\$27,000.00
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Expended	22,761.40
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Unexpended Balance	\$ 4,238.60
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WELFARE RECEIPTS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$ 5,984.00
Cities and Towns	1,729.67
Refunds	149.32

Total Receipts	\$ 7,862.99
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Expenditures	\$22,761.40
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Receipts	7,862.99
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Actual Cost to Town	\$14,898.41
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Average Cost per Case	\$104.18
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EASTON SETTLEMENT RESIDING IN EASTON

1	Closed	\$368.52
2	Closed	60.00
3	Closed	21.00
4	Closed	1.98
5	Closed	143.75

6	Closed	26.00
7		360.98
8	Closed	151.75
9	Closed	256.78
10	Closed	51.95
11	Closed	115.00
12	Closed	10.00
13		53.77
14		88.00
15		258.90
16		305.38
17		188.60
18	Closed	4.00
19	Closed	76.00
20	Closed	13.00
21	Closed	180.00
22		17.00
23	Closed	300.00
24	Closed	34.00
25		867.73
26	Closed	44.00
27		55.00
28		31.50
29		35.00
30		140.63
31		65.17
32		88.00
33	Closed	190.50
34		372.01
35		556.80
36		364.56
37	Closed	90.00
38	Closed	18.00
39	Closed	212.05
40	Closed	21.05
41	Closed	709.69
42		165.00

43	Closed	3.00
44		1,097.11
45	Closed	50.00
46	Closed	108.00
47	Closed	4.00
48		202.21
49	Closed	32.00
50		44.75
51	Closed	20.00
52	Closed	54.88
53	Closed	112.64
54	Closed	5.00
55	Closed	29.96
56	Closed	14.31
57	Closed	3.70
58		128.00
59	Closed	32.00
60	Closed	33.00
61	Closed	4.00
62		57.50
63	Closed	7.00
64	Closed	354.43
65	Closed	4.00
66	Closed	370.22
67		68.45
68	Closed	3.00
69		108.75
70		52.02
71	Closed	20.95
72		215.76
73		65.00
74	Closed	222.07
75	Closed	60.35
76		342.82
77	Closed	92.02
78		158.50
79		156.77

80		4.00
81		59.88
82		145.91
83	Closed	9.91
84		265.39
85		456.62
		\$12,392.93
Open	36	
Closed	49	
		85

EASTON SETTLEMENT RESIDING IN OTHER TOWNS AND CITIES

1		\$381.00
2		153.46
3		260.71
4	Closed	60.75
5		89.95
6		34.54
7	Closed	37.90
8	Closed	42.19
9	Closed	18.38
10		43.12
11		40.25
12		8.20
13	Closed	36.70
14		316.27
15		165.78
16	Closed	30.37
17		68.18
18	Closed	36.00
19		5.95
		\$1,829.70

Open	12
Closed	7
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	19

SETTLEMENT IN OTHER TOWNS AND CITIES

RESIDING IN EASTON

1	Closed	211.00
2	Closed	93.65
3	Closed	449.97
4	Closed	36.00
5		363.59
6	Closed	4.95
7		234.00
8		119.80
9	Closed	72.30
10	Closed	29.33
11	Closed	16.75
12	Closed	87.00
13		334.88
14	Closed	105.37
15		140.78
		\$2,299.37

Open	5
Closed	10
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	15

UNSETTLED RESIDING IN EASTON

1	Closed	5.00
2	Closed	4.00
3		70.85
4	Closed	55.00
5		405.91

6	Closed	100.98
7	Closed	44.70
8	Closed	511.83
9	Closed	403.85
10		327.22
11	Closed	326.84
12	Closed	47.00
13	Closed	6.00
14	Closed	36.00
15	Closed	11.80
16	Closed	24.00
17	Closed	11.50
18	Closed	13.40
19	Closed	15.00
20		319.80
21	Closed	17.00
22		622.86
23		360.00
24		688.34
		\$4,428.88

Open 7

Closed 17

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24

Purchases as follows have been made from Merchants at the choice of the recipient:

C. F. Anderson Markets	\$2,125.00
H. Y. Mitchell Co.	1,515.65
D. F. Linehan	1,501.02
Swift Brothers	1,093.35
Garcia's	913.61
The Great A & P Tea Co.	807.00
W. T. Knapp & Sons	441.97
Mitrano's Market	431.00

First National Stores, Inc.	372.50
C. J. Harvey & Sons	338.29
Frank Spillane	204.18
John O. Dean Co.	159.65
J. E. Howard & Sons	154.77
Ernest L. Spooner	121.60
George Mowatt	130.00
P. J. Readdy	108.29
McCarthy Coal	91.75
Edgar Rhodin	70.53
Ericson's Market	66.00
McMenamy's Market	45.00
Fred L. Reed	19.53
Malloy's Store	14.77
W. S. Rice	4.00
Milton Anderson	3.00
Eugene Farrow	2.50

Respectfully submitted

ALBERT E. WOOD,
EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
Board of Public Welfare.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

In this category of relief there has been an increase in cases mainly due to transferring several from Public Welfare, and the addition of new cases. In most instances it concerns widows left with children to support and the aid is in the form of a cash allowance approved by the State who together with the Federal Government participate in the cost.

Following is a case load and financial accounting for this type of relief.

	Cases	Children	
December 31, 1938	7	22	
Added 1939	15	28	
	—	—	
	22	50	
Closed	2	3	
	—	—	
	20	47	
Paid Direct to Recipients			\$5,853.75
Town Appropriation			4,500.00
Expended			4,500.00
			0,000.00
Federal Grants			
1937	\$ 254.00		
1938	548.64		
1939	1,332.97		
			\$2,135.61
Expended			1,353.75
Balance January 1, 1940			\$ 781.86

Receipts

Federal Grant	\$1,332.97
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	595.66

 \$1,928.63

Expenditures

\$5,853.75

Receipts

 1,928.63

Actual Cost to Town

\$3,925.12

Average Cost per Case

\$196.25

Respectfully submitted

ALBERT E. WOOD,
 EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
 ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
 Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

The detailed accounting as set forth below portrays the ever increasing cost of this assistance. The high spots are that there are 182 cases enrolled as of December 31, 1939, and a total of 210 cases were dealt with during the year, and 28 cases were closed by deaths or transfers to other towns. The total cash outlay was \$54,296.70, of which the taxpayers of Easton contributed \$12,826.64, or an average cost per case to the town of \$61.07.

It is now incumbent on this Board to determine the ability of sons and daughters to contribute wholly, or in part, towards the support of their parents. The Old Age Assistance Act is in no sense a pension and the Support Laws are still effective. We quote below the Support Laws.

CHAPTER 117 - SECTION 5.

"A person, his executor or administrator, shall be liable in contract to any town for expenses incurred by it for his support."

CHAPTER 273 - SECTION 20.

"Any person, over twenty-one, who being possessed of sufficient means, unreasonably neglects to provide for the support and maintenance of his parent, whether father or mother, residing in the Commonwealth, when such parent through misfortune and without fault of his own is destitute of means of sustenance and unable by reason of old age, infirmity or illness to support or maintain himself, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dol-

lars or imprisonment for not more than one year or both. No such neglect or refusal shall be deemed unreasonable as to a child who shall not during his minority have been reasonably supported by such parent, if such parent was charged with the duty so to do, nor as to a child, who being one of two or more children, has made proper and reasonable contribution toward the support of such parent."

Every applicant for Old Age Assistance is subject to the approval or disallowance by both the State and Federal Governments, and the decision of this Board is determined after a check up of all parties liable for the support of the applicant. If substantial evidence of such a check up is not in our files, the Town of Easton may have to assume the entire cost of the assistance granted if disallowed.

Applications Pending Dec. 31, 1938	6
Applications Received 1939	50
Total	56
Old Age Assistance Granted	50
	6
Applications Denied	4
Applications Pending Dec. 31, 1939	2
Old Age Assistance Cases Dec. 31, 1938	160
Added in 1939	50
Total Cases	210
Closed	28
Active Cases Dec. 31, 1939	182
Paid Direct to Recipients	\$52,156.76
Cities and Towns	805.36
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1,334.58
Total	\$54,296.70

Federal Grants		
Balance 1938	\$ 2,287.47	
Received 1939	24,163.65	
Total		\$26,451.12
Town Appropriation		\$40,000.00
Expended		34,000.00
Unexpended Balance		\$ 6,000.00
Federal Grant		\$26,451.12
Expended		20,296.70
Balance January 1, 1940		\$ 6,154.42
Receipts		
Federal Grants		\$24,163.65
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		16,370.57
Cities and Towns		585.84
Refunds		350.00
		\$41,470.06
Expended		\$54,296.70
Receipts		41,470.06
Actual Cost to Town		\$12,826.64
Average Cost per Case		\$61.07

Respectfully submitted

MARGARET E. HARVEY,
 ALBERT E. WOOD,
 EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
 ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
 Bureau of Old Age Assistance.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I have examined the books of the Town Clerk, Collector of Taxes and Town Treasurer, also various Trust Funds, and find the same to be correct.

The expenditures, appropriations and receipts of the various departments are shown on the following pages.

JOHN M. SMITH,
Town Accountant.

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$200.00
Transportation	\$128.24	
Printing and Stationery	59.79	
All other expenses	9.87	197.90
Unexpended balance		2.10

TOWN OFFICE

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$875.00
Rent	\$750.00	
Light	71.44	
Signs	12.50	
Electrical work	30.00	
All other expenses	8.50	872.44
Unexpended balance		2.56

ACCOUNTANT'S SALARY

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$500.00
John M. Smith, Salary		\$500.00
Unexpended balance		.00

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$50.00
Printing and Stationery	\$21.89	
All other expenses	5.00	26.89
Unexpended balance		23.11

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriations (March 1939)		\$515.00
Surety Bond	\$142.50	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	123.22	
Insurance	30.00	
Check Writer	204.50	
All other expenses	13.00	513.22
Unexpended balance		1.78

COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$750.00
Clerical Services	\$100.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	347.70	
Surety Bond	265.00	
Advertising	26.50	
All other expenses	10.00	749.20
Unexpended balance		.80

ASSESSOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$550.00
Clerical Services	\$260.50	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	116.26	
Transportation	95.00	
Telephone	30.23	
All other expenses	5.00	506.99
Unexpended balance		43.01

LEGAL SERVICES

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$600.00
James F. Burke, Services	\$600.00
Unexpended balance	.00

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$200.00
Surety Bond	\$ 5.00	
Telephone	49.26	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	77.89	
Screen Doors and Repairs	37.02	
All other expenses	26.00	195.17
Unexpended balance		4.83

ASSISTANT TO CLERK, TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$1,200.00
Winifred Cunningham, Services	1,200.00
Unexpended balance	.00

ELECTION EXPENSE

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$275.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		33.25
		\$308.25
Election Officers	\$203.00	
Printing and Stationery	76.89	
Posting warrants	16.00	
All other expenses	12.00	307.89
Unexpended balance		.36

REGISTRARS' EXPENSE

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$450.00
Clifton C. Ripley, Services	\$ 99.58	
William A. Healey, Services	71.50	
John Chillingworth, Services	71.75	
Jennie M. Goss, Services	30.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	117.28	
All other expenses	50.50	440.61
Unexpended balance		9.39

REGISTRARS' SALARIES

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$225.00
Sigfred V. Ledin	\$75.00	
Luther E. Swift	75.00	
John J. Galvin	75.00	225.00
Unexpended balance		.00

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$5,265.00
Selectmen	\$ 750.00	
Assessors	1,200.00	
Town Clerk	800.00	
Collector of Taxes	960.00	
Treasurer	480.00	
Board of Public Welfare	750.00	
Moderator	25.00	
Board of Health	300.00	5,265.00
Unexpended balance		.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$6,600.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	75.00
	\$6,675.00

Herbert S. Berglund, Chief	\$2,160.00	
Herbert S. Berglund, Keeper of Lockup	100.00	
James F. O'Neil, Patrolman	1,500.00	
George Pierson, Patrolman	1,500.00	
Carl Palm, Special Patrolman	31.50	
James F. Bradley, Special Patrolman	30.00	
Ernest B. Weir, Special Patrolman	153.75	
William Cahill, Special Patrolman	2.00	
Auto Expense	602.96	
Equipment	108.54	
Fuel and Light	176.50	
Building and Grounds	23.91	
Telephone	146.69	
Insurance	33.12	
All other expenses	104.87	6,673.84

Unexpended balance		1.16
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POLICE CAR

Appropriation (October 1939)	\$600.00
Bristol Service Station	600.00

Unexpended balance	.00
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SALARY OF FOREST WARDEN

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$300.00
Cornelius P. Dailey, Salary	300.00
Unexpended balance	.00

DOG OFFICER

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$90.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	46.00
	\$136.00
John Chillingworth, Services	136.00
Unexpended balance	.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$500.00
P. J. Readdy, Services and Transportation	\$473.00	
Insurance	12.94	
Equipment	10.28	496.22
Unexpended balance		3.78

RENT OF FIRE STATION AND SYSTEM

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$1,600.00
North Easton Village District	1,600.00
Unexpended balance	.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$8,500.00
C. P. Dailey	\$650.00
P. J. Travers	154.50
C. Carlson	186.25
A. W. Bailey	114.50
J. W. Mahoney	138.50
F. Mitrano	129.50
P. Anderson	133.00
H. Sundell	134.50
J. S. Buckley	105.00
C. A. Craig	100.50
R. W. Craig	100.50
J. H. Kelly	107.50
G. Healey	60.83
E. Lyons	109.50
W. L. Flynn	108.50
W. L. Flynn, Supt. of Fire Alarm	100.00
C. Olson	106.50
A. Hewitt	156.25
P. Wilde	108.50

H. E. Anderson	130.00
H. Scrivens	108.50
O. Woodworth	128.50
A. DeCoute	104.50
Henry Drew	171.00
Henry Drew, Janitor	75.00
F. Drew	139.50
K. Cantwell	106.50
E. Randall	108.00
G. Field	132.00
F. R. Straight	111.00
W. Furlong	127.00
J. B. Howard	130.50
A. Wry	106.50
C. D. Hill	110.00
A. Straight	115.00
L. Hobbs	1.00
R. Howard	1.00
R. Clifford	2.00
V. Willis	1.50
R. Nystrom	1.50
F. Bailey	1.50
H. Ledin	1.00
J. Maguire	1.00
A. Hansen	1.00
V. Galvin	1.50
K. Swanson	1.00
G. Anderson	1.00
Thomas Downey	2.00
J. H. Kelly, Janitor	125.00
Printing and Stationery	15.41
Apparatus	1,413.24
Hose	579.05
Gas and Oil	371.74
Fire Alarm	251.43
Fuel	327.50
Light and Power	217.32

Building Repairs and Supplies	128.10	
Telephone	197.71	
Insurance	96.20	
All other expenses	34.34	8,481.87
Unexpended balance		18.13

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$2,500.00
Fred Reynolds	\$245.75	
Merton Hennigar	277.00	
Leo Schleicher	294.75	
Walter Wry	283.25	
Stanley Gibbs	35.50	
Harold Ledin	56.00	
Roscoe Melendy	495.75	
Lloyd J. Farrar	56.50	
Equipment	58.12	
Insecticides	695.55	2,498.17
Unexpended balance		1.83

TREE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$3,000.00
Fred Reynolds	\$408.25	
Merton Hennigar	389.25	
Leo Schleicher	382.75	
Walter Wry	391.75	
Stanley Gibbs	142.25	
Harold Ledin	7.00	
Roscoe Melendy	568.50	
Equipment	484.18	
Insurance	221.83	
All other expenses	4.10	2,999.86
Unexpended balance		.14

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$100.00
J. Clinton Goward, Salary	100.00
Unexpended balance	.00

TOWN PHYSICIAN

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$600.00
Dr. W. M. Stevenson, Salary	600.00
Unexpended balance	.00

STATE AID

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$120.00
Cash Aid	112.00
Unexpended balance	8.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$400.00
Transferred to Election Expense	\$33.25	
Transferred to Dog Officer	46.00	
Transferred to Police Department	75.00	154.25
Unexpended balance		245.75

INCIDENTALS

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$90.00
Lights - Town Hall	\$ 8.25	
Insurance - Town Hall and Band Stand	43.36	
Advertising - Police Auto	4.50	
Advertising - Amendments to By-laws	18.00	
All other expenses	13.78	87.89
Unexpended balance		2.11

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$360.00
Music	\$158.00	
Transportation	42.00	
Flags and Markers	75.70	
Flowers	14.85	
Printing and Postage	10.50	
Express	.50	
All other expenses	47.79	349.34
Unexpended balance		10.66

PENSIONS

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$991.00
Charles S. Coldwell	\$491.00	
Carl G. Jansen	500.00	991.00
Unexpended balance		.00

TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$426.40
Advertising	\$ 5.00	
Printing Town Reports	376.40	
Distributing Town Reports	45.00	426.40
Unexpended balance		.00

INTEREST ON NOTES

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$327.00
New England Trust Co.		327.00
Unexpended balance		.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$2,500.00
Winifred Cunningham, Clerk	\$ 150.00	
Telephone	24.62	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	3.70	
Transportation and Expense	15.25	
Contagious Diseases, Board and Treatment	70.00	
Tuberculosis, Board and Treatment	1,444.30	
Tuberculosis, All other expenses	144.63	
Birth Returns	4.00	
Death Returns	8.00	
Burying Animals	15.00	
Dr. Robert E. Porter Diphtheria Clinic	96.32	
Labor at Dump	272.80	
Philip O'Connell, Inspector	135.10	
Beverage Fee to Department of Public Health	10.00	
Rabies Treatment	17.43	
E. L. Spooner, Supplies	16.50	
Inspector of Milk	65.00	
Supplies for Milk Inspection	6.91	2,499.56
Unexpended balance		.44

HIGHWAYS — TAR

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$6,000.00
The Barrett Co. Tarvia	4,711.23
Unexpended balance	1,288.77

HIGHWAYS — SNOW

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$500.00
C. W. Erickson	11.25
T. C. Brophy	8.13
R. H. Langley	13.75

C. E. Styren	7.50	
E. A. Sandgren	7.50	
R. E. Dimond	8.00	
J. Pomeroy	8.50	
W. Lorden	7.50	
C. A. Eldridge	8.00	
A. Smith	8.50	
J. Stanton	8.00	
E. A. Gibbs	8.00	
E. C. Robbins	10.00	
A. Lundgren	2.50	
V. N. Cogswell	.50	
Howard L. Poole, Trucking	16.50	
Arvid C. Nelson, Trucking	10.50	
Carl S. Johnson, Trucking	10.50	
Andrew Anderson, Est. Plowing Snow	14.00	
Wendell M. Bemis, Plowing Snow	2.50	
J. C. Haskell, Plowing Snow	22.00	
Frank Gomes, Plowing Snow	4.00	
White Trucking, Plowing Snow	5.00	202.63
Unexpended balance		297.37

HIGHWAYS — MACHINERY

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$4,000.00
Equipment and Repairs	3,999.92
Unexpended balance	.08

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, ADMINISTRATION

Federal Grant for Administration	\$53.59
Office Supplies	3.25
Balance January 1, 1940	\$50.34

HIGHWAYS

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$ 7,500.00
Appropriation (October 1939)	3,700.00
Ames Highway Fund	18,479.51
Department of Public Works	13.75

 \$29,693.26

C. W. Erickson	\$1,437.51
T. G. Brophy	1,127.52
R. H. Langley	1,531.88
H. C. Ashley	628.00
D. O. Phillips	982.25
L. E. Hackett	764.75
C. E. Styren	893.00
E. A. Sandgren	833.00
R. E. Dimond	1,057.50
A. Samuelson	718.25
J. Pomeroy	943.75
J. Martin	776.75
W. Lorden	858.50
W. D. Boynton	699.25
C. A. Eldridge	845.75
E. A. Gibbs	467.00
A. Smith	768.50
H. E. Simpson	572.50
J. T. Stanton	946.75
F. E. Wilbur	1,800.00
C. Webster	753.25
C. S. Johnson	181.70
A. Swanson	438.00
V. LeSieur	4.00
C. Florence	11.75
D. Risso	3.75
H. Andrews	8.00
A. F. Lauzon	7.50
E. J. McKenna	3.50

W. A. Wry	11.50	
F. V. Shaw	8.00	
C. Drew	3.00	
P. Webster	2.75	
A. Lopez	8.00	
S. J. Gibbs	4.00	
C. B. Gibbs	14.00	
C. Otterson	8.00	
E. Robbins	6.00	
K. Gibbs	4.00	
H. Sandgren	4.00	
A. Gomez	40.00	
Telephone and Office Supplies	93.88	
Stone and Gravel	976.91	
Equipment and Repairs	1,426.80	
Hire of Trucks, Shovel and Grader	1,061.00	
Insurance	1,598.84	
Water	10.00	
Lumber, Cement, Culverts, etc.	2,272.67	
Lighting, Barn	18.92	
Lighting Traffic Beacons	293.14	
Street Signs	21.50	
Snow Removal, Horses and Trucks	728.75	
Snow Removal, All other expenses	666.18	
Survey and Plans	228.25	
Repairing Wall	21.70	
All other expenses	27.60	29,623.25
Unexpended balance		70.01

PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$27,000.00
Amount expended (1939)	22,761.40
Unexpended balance	4,238.60

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation (March 1939)	\$4,500.00
Amount expended (1939)	2,812.85
Unexpended balance	1,687.15

INFIRMARY

Appropriation (March 1939)		\$4,500.00
J. A. Arnold, Superintendent	\$1,000.00	
Labor, Help in House and on Farm	515.00	
Building Maintenance and Repairs	147.26	
Clothing, Groceries and Provisions	1,313.43	
Equipment and Repairs	248.27	
Telephone	66.51	
Lighting and Power	236.70	
Coal and Wood	412.59	
Grain	275.93	
Insurance	131.43	
Care of Horses	20.00	
All other expenses	92.78	4,459.90
Unexpended balance		40.10

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

(Federal Funds)

Balance January 1, 1939		\$275.76
United States Grant for Administration		805.40
		\$1,081.16
Investigators' Services	159.99	
Clerical Services	22.50	
Traveling Expense	162.79	
Express	9.05	
Furniture and Fixtures	219.54	
Postage and Office Supplies	258.87	832.74
Balance January 1, 1940		\$248.42

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation (March 1939)	40,000.00
Cash Aid	34,000.00
Unexpended Balance	6,000.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

(Federal Funds)

Balance January 1, 1939	2,287.47
United States Grant	24,163.65
	26,451.12
Cash Aid	20,296.70
Balance January 1, 1940	6,154.42

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation (March 1939)	4,000.00
Appropriation (October 1939)	500.00
	4,500.00
Cash Aid	4,500.00
Unexpended balance	.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

(Federal Funds)

Balance January 1, 1939	802.64
United States Grant	1,332.97
	2,135.61
Cash Aid	1,353.75
Balance January 1, 1940	781.86

SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1939	33,620.81
United States Grant	18,204.74
	51,825.55

Andrew B. Johnson, Land	600.00	
Everard D. Noyes, Services	1,665.00	
L. M. Witherell & Sons, Builders	43,630.32	
McLaughlin and Burr, Architects	3,394.38	
Legal Services	150.00	
Edward E. Babb & Co., Equipment	798.65	
Stel-Wood Engineering Co., Equipment	1,128.50	
Advertising	55.40	
All other expenses	29.33	51,451.58

Balance January 1, 1940	373.97
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UNPAID BILLS, 1938

Appropriation (March 1939)	3,089.81
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Fire Department	993.03	
Schools	316.60	
Highways	105.34	
Town Hall	140.55	
Infirmery	11.20	
Incidentals	.47	
Cemetery	9.79	
Soldiers' Relief	5.00	
Public Welfare	1,101.78	
Assessors' Expense	56.75	
W. P. A.	349.30	3,089.81

Unexpended Balance	.00
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W. P. A. APPROPRIATION

Appropriation (March 1939)	5,000.00
Appropriation (October 1939)	4,700.00
	9,700.00

R. H. Langley	40.00	
C. E. Styren	8.00	
A. Smith	238.00	
T. C. Brophy	181.88	
C. A. Eldridge	112.00	
L. E. Hackett	76.00	
H. C. Ashley	135.00	
R. E. Dimond	51.00	
D. O. Phillips	11.00	
C. W. Erickson	18.75	
J. T. Stanton	102.00	
C. S. Johnson	13.60	
E. A. Gibbs	90.75	
W. D. Boynton	27.50	
W. L. Flynn	269.38	
F. Reynolds	164.00	
Survey and Plans	276.79	
Equipment and Repairs	565.23	
Sand, Gravel, Cement and Lumber	693.85	
Drilling	106.89	
Sewing Project Expense	1,339.69	
Drain Pipe	877.76	
Trucking	2,358.00	
Frames and Grates	527.10	
Culverts	302.70	
Fire Alarm	368.31	
Gas and Oil	405.61	
Office Supplies and Expense	138.18	
All other expenses	139.18	9,638.15
Unexpended Balance		61.85

SCHOOLS

Appropriation (March 1939)	84,100.00
Ames School Fund	14,081.61
	98,181.61
Less Transfer to Bond Account	8,000.00
	90,181.61

Teachers' Salaries:

Gilbert C. Mann	3,220.00
Gilman H. Campbell	2,864.25
Leon A. Regan	2,291.40
Janet E. Collins	1,138.48
Anna C. Craig	1,389.78
Catherine M. Dennen	1,325.61
Ruth G. Grant	978.93
Kathryn E. Healey	1,278.93
Veronica E. Honohan	1,580.68
Charles E. MacLeod	181.99
John C. Mason	1,976.45
Helen G. Murray	1,546.42
Barbara Nickerson	1,608.00
Mary C. Regan	1,565.60
Beth H. Smith	466.64
Clement S. Spillane	1,683.33
Laura A. Stocker	1,445.00
Robert N. Taylor	2,339.50
Paul F. Whitten	970.04
Johanna G. McFadden	1,731.43
Letitia Bird	1,368.23
Ruby L. Barrows	1,371.83
Louise E. Canegaly	1,371.83
Aileen E. Carpenter	1,043.00
Mary V. Harvey	1,371.83
Muriel P. Hatchfield	819.98
Gladys T. Thomas	199.00

Dorris W. Leach	75.13	
Mabel M. Leach	1,371.83	
Astrid Nyquist	1,371.83	
Mary A. O'Connell	1,371.83	
Ellen M. Timms	1,244.00	
Anabell P. Newman	1,447.20	
Adelaide W. Johnson	1,123.93	
Elouise G. Sherman	1,214.38	
Florence M. Harris	1,432.08	
Irene E. Tait	360.00	
Mildred J. O'Connor	1,350.65	
Caroline D. Belcher	1,420.90	
Jeanette W. Parmenter	1,128.43	
Edith V. Goff	1,371.83	
Viola M. Geddes	1,128.43	
Marietta Canan	519.05	
Charlotte T. Hirshberg	16.00	
Mary E. Williams	67.50	
Grace P. Mills	26.55	
James O'Leary	21.50	
Margaret E. Dineen	11.00	
Victor Johnson	16.50	
Norma Tait	692.73	
Lorraine E. Dahlborg	819.78	58,731.22

Janitors' Wages:

Alfred H. Dahlborg	1,435.00	
Willard F. Burt	1,235.00	
Hjalmar E. Johnson	1,435.00	
Thore Pearson	800.00	
Dexter Ewell	566.64	
Everett A. Dunn	416.68	
George M. Buck	225.00	
Carrie M. Smith	83.32	
Alfred Johnson	13.47	
Harry A. Smith	166.68	6,376.79

Grace M. Murch, School Nurse	1,527.33	
Dr. Robert B. Porter, School Physician	585.00	
Mildred L. Johnson, Clerk	1,200.00	
Office Expense and Telephone	185.34	
Superintendent's Traveling Expense	150.00	
Supervisor of Attendance	100.00	
Text Books	954.08	
Supplies	2,886.74	
Fuel	4,402.24	
Janitors' Supplies	659.96	
Water	198.65	
Electricity	929.52	
Miscellaneous School Plant	99.94	
Repairs	1,284.08	
Furniture and Furnishings	293.03	
Transportation of Nurse	240.00	
Supplies	31.53	
Miscellaneous	15.25	
Transportation	6,224.60	
Tuition	276.88	
General	93.54	
Graduation	85.59	
Insurance	2,393.32	
New Equipment	180.46	
Library	25.65	90,130.74
Unexpended Balance		50.87

DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS

SCHOOLS

Commonwealth of Mass. Vocational Education	54.18
Commonwealth of Mass. Tuition	1,402.96
G. C. Mann, Supt., School Receipts	174.24
City of Boston, Tuition	298.80
Town of Sharon, Tuition	437.09
	2,367.27

POLICE DEPARTMENT

First District Court, Fines	63.38	
Revolver Permits	16.00	
		79.38

INCIDENTALS

Sale of History of Easton	5.00	
Licenses	3,605.00	
		3,610.00

INSURANCE

Refunds	55.28	
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TOWN CLERK

Fees	736.30	
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HEALTH

Milk Licenses		28.50
Pasteurization License		10.00
Oleomargarine License		2.00
Beverage License - Simpson Spring		20.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Tuberculosis Subsidy	202.14	
Contagious Diseases	116.52	318.66
Slaughtering License		1.00
Wood Alcohol License		1.00
		381.16

PUBLIC WELFARE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Temporary Aid	5,919.00	
Support of Indigent Persons	45.00	
Public Welfare	20.00	5,984.00

Refund - Brockton Hospital	22.00
Refunds - Sundry Persons	127.32
Town of East Bridgewater	329.51
Town of Wareham	15.00
Town of Middleboro	12.00
Town of Upton	29.00
Town of Bridgewater	10.00
City of Newton	375.37
City of Brockton	650.38
Town of Stoughton	66.39
City of Somerville	227.97
City of Taunton	14.05
	7,862.99

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sale of Scrap Iron	7.00
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fees	80.00
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STATE AID

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	122.00
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	16,370.57
Refunds - Sundry Persons	350.00
Town of Foxboro	60.00
Town of Abington	16.00
Town of Stoughton	15.00
Town of Raynham	15.00
Town of Dedham	30.83
Town of Ashburnham	55.00
City of Brockton	386.01
City of New Bedford	8.00
	17,306.41

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REGISTRARS

Sale of Voting Lists 3.00

TOWN HALL

Rent 16.00

HIGHWAYS

Sale of Materials 1.55

Commonwealth of Mass. Plowing Snow 15.00

Brockton Gas Light Co. Claim for Drain 300.00

316.55

DOG OFFICER

County of Bristol, Reimbursement 146.74

TAX COLLECTOR

Fees 694.69

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Commonwealth of Massachusetts 595.66

INFIRMARY

Milk 17.50

Fruit and Vegetables 8.50

Calf 2.50

Telephone 22.55

Use of Pump 1.50

Vinegar .40

Board 40.00

92.95

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Easton:

In accordance with Article 16 appearing in the warrant of the Annual Town Meeting of 1939, which is as follows:

“To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of nine citizens to be selected from every section of the town to study the feasibility of the town adopting the Town Manager form of government; this committee to report its findings at any special town meeting that may be called, or at the next Annual Town Meeting”

the committee so chosen submits herewith its findings and suggestions to date.

On August 2, 1939, the first meeting was called, at which time statistics relative to the Town Manager form of government as existing in the Commonwealth were submitted and analyzed. Subsequently, further reports on the Town Manager form of government were made by sub-committees, and their findings studied.

To apply the principles of the Town Manager form of government to the Town of Easton, it was deemed advisable to make an exhaustive study of the principles of the Selectmen form of government now existing. Accordingly, this committee undertook a methodical analysis of the various departments in the town, and through their courtesy and cooperation was able to gain considerable insight into their work and problems.

Members of the Committee have interviewed the Town Managers of Stoughton and Norwood and town officials in Mansfield and have consulted authorities generally on this subject. The Committee has held about fifteen meetings to consider the feasibility of this plan.

Thus far the Fire Department, Police Department, Highway Department, Tree and Moth Department, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Town Accountant, Finance Committee, Superintendent of Schools, and the Selectmen have been interviewed.

In each case an effort has been made to gain information not only as to the inner workings of the department under the Selectmen form of government, but also to determine whether or not increased efficiency might result in this particular department should the Town Manager form of government be adopted.

Investigation shows that the costs of Town Management would be greater than the amount paid for town salaries at present. The Town Manager form of government is well known for its efficiency. This Committee, however, is impressed by the high type of public service given by the present town officials. Would it not be prudent for the Town to recognize this service and avoid the higher cost of management? To this end the Committee has considered certain salaries paid to officials at present and makes the following suggestions and recommendations at this time. Conscious of the changing trends in municipal government, and of the vastly increased duties commensurate therewith, we feel that it is expedient to bring these facts to the attention of the citizens of Easton.

In recent years, State and Federal legislation relative to various forms of public welfare and relief has of necessity thrust additional burdens upon the town officers and departments affected thereby. Exhaustive and detailed reports and careful investigations are required by both the State and Fed-

eral governments in order that the town may receive the benefits accruing from these measures.

At the time when the present salaries were established, none of the above-mentioned onerous tasks were required, and though the compensation at that time was adequate, it has, under the present conditions, become grossly inadequate.

The Town Accountant, in the course of a year, makes in excess of 27,000 entries. By law he is required to make a monthly statement to all department heads, and at the close of the year he must compile a complete financial statement of the affairs of the town, classified according to departments. In addition, he must audit the books of the Town Clerk, the Treasurer, and the Collector of Taxes. Under the requirements of Old Age Assistance he is compelled to make out approximately 180 to 200 vouchers every second week so that checks may be drawn against these vouchers and sent to the recipients.

For this he receives but \$500 yearly, and is allowed an expense account of \$50. It is the opinion of the committee that the salary of this official should be raised from \$500 to \$800.

In order to attract men of suitable ability to the office of Selectman and Board of Public Welfare, it is our recommendation that the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare receive an increase in yearly salary from \$250 to \$800, the other two members of this Board to receive an increase from \$250 to \$400 each. It is further recommended that the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen receive an increase in yearly salary from \$250 to \$500, and that the other two members shall receive an increase from \$250 to \$400 each.

These suggested increases are in line with the salaries paid by other towns of similar size, and follow the general trend, which is to recognize the increased responsibilities and duties of these public officials.

The committee feels that by paying the Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare the recommended salary of \$800 per year he will be able to devote his full time to the necessary investigatory work and to supervise the maintenance of the records required by the State and Federal governments, and such full time work will eliminate the necessity for a full time public welfare investigator. The work of the present Board has resulted in a saving of more than \$4000 on public welfare in the year 1939. In order to insure the continuance of such meritorious service and to insure the election of a qualified administrative head it is felt that this increase is justified and necessary. At all times it should be borne in mind by the taxpayers of the town that the duties required of the Selectmen are in the nature of those performed by executive officers in large business concerns. These town officials are entrusted with the expenditure and management of large sums of money and it is their duty to see that these sums are utilized in an efficient and proper manner.

The committee recommends an increase in salary to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors from \$400 to \$600, the other two members to receive the same compensation as heretofore.

It is necessary for the Chairman of this Board to keep records of the assessed valuation of property in the town, together with other records connected with this Department. For the extraordinary duties of contacting the public and maintaining the office of the Department, it is felt that he is entitled to the increase suggested.

The total increases recommended by the committee amount to \$1900, which, if adopted, will result in an advance in the tax rate of approximately 38c.

Due to the increased efficiency that has this year been obtained through the combined efforts of all department heads and the Board of Selectmen, together with a thorough

investigation of welfare and old age assistance cases, the tax rate for the ensuing year will be materially reduced.

The matter of changing the existing form of government is of such a serious nature that the Committee feels its investigation should be continued and a further report made at some future Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. AMES, Jr., Chairman
WENDELL G. ANDERSON
NORMAN O. DURFEE
RAYMOND E. HARVEY
RICHARD J. HATCHFIELD
GEORGE E. HUMPHREY
S. GEORGE LOWNDES
CHESTER A. PETERSON
LEON C. PRIOR

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

This year your committee is pleased to report that instead of being faced with increasing costs there is a substantial decrease in the budget.

We feel that the town affairs have been administered in a very efficient manner as evidenced by the savings made in 1939 and the reduced appropriations asked for 1940.

You will no doubt notice a variation from previous Finance Committee Budget reports in the column headed Net Amount Used from Direct Taxation. This is due to the fact that the amounts returned to the General Fund do not decrease the amount used from direct taxation until these amounts are voted to be transferred from the General Fund to reduce taxes. The last time this was voted was in 1931—Article 7.

DOG OFFICER

The amount recommended for the Dog Officer is \$110 more than last year. For the past two years we have had to transfer amounts from the Reserve Fund to this account because there was not enough appropriated for him to carry on the necessary work. The Town is reimbursed by the County for all money spent by this department.

ELECTION EXPENSE

This account is greater this year due to the coming State and Federal election.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

When this Department came before us they notified us that they had an overdraft amounting to \$456.60. There will be a special article in the Warrant covering this overdraft.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AND WELFARE

This year, you will see that the recommendation is considerably less than granted last year. Through efficient management of these two departments there has been a substantial saving to the taxpayer. If business conditions remain the same throughout the year the present board feels that the amounts recommended will be sufficient.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION AND

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

There are two new accounts in our budget for 1940. These are required by the Federal Government. To indicate that the requirement is imperative it may be stated that one quarter's grant to Massachusetts was temporarily suspended. Apparently failure to comply with the Federal Government's request jeopardizes the continuance of federal grants for Old Age Assistance and aid to Dependent Children.

SCHOOLS

Your committee has recommended the amount requested by the School Committee, namely \$85,129. This is \$2,166.64 more than the amount required to obtain the Ames Fund. The School Committee advised the additional amount was to be spent as follows: Installing inside toilets at the Poquanticut School which were taken from the old Union School building; increments to teachers who have qualified and who are now receiving less than maximum salary, textbooks and supplies.

TOWN PHYSICIAN

Due to the large increase of Old Age and Welfare cases that need the attendance of the Town physician your committee feels that this office has been underpaid for several years and recommends an increase of \$200 on this salary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your committee feels that it could perform a greater service to the Town by affiliation with the Massachusetts Association of Town Finance Committees. This article provides for membership dues and other miscellaneous expenses of the committee.

TOWN WARRANT

Your committee acts as follows on the articles in the Town Warrant having to do with finances:

- Article 1. No recommendation required.
- Article 2. We recommend the adoption of this article.
- Article 3. Our recommendations with respect to the various Budget Requests are found in the Budget Table.
- Article 4. We recommend the adoption of this article.
- Article 5. We recommend the adoption of this article.
- Article 6. We recommend the adoption of this article.
- Article 7. We recommend the adoption of this article.
- Article 8. We recommend the adoption of this article.
- Article 9. We recommend the adoption of this article.
- Article 10. We recommend that the sum of \$25.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.
- Article 11. We refer this article to the Town for action.
- Article 12. We recommend the adoption of this article.
- Article 13. We recommend the adoption of this article.
- Article 14. We refer this article to the Town for action.
- Article 15. We refer this article to the Town for action.
- Article 16. We refer this article to the Town for action.
- Article 17. We refer this article to the Town for action.

Article 18. We refer this article to the Town for action.

Article 19. We recommend the adoption of this article and that the sum of \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Article 20. We refer this article to the Town for action.

Article 21. No recommendation required.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRON F. WILLIAMS, Chairman

F. ELLIS WHITE, Secretary

JOHN S. AMES, Jr.

WALFRED J. G. BROMAN

HORACE C. BROWN, Jr.

HARRIS A. DeWITT

RAYMOND E. HARVEY

KENNETH C. HAYWARD

JOHN A. HENDERSON

JOHN B. HOWARD

DANIEL L. KENT

NEUBERT B. MORSE

MARTIN E. REYNOLDS

C. BATEMAN SWASEY

ROBERT G. WATT

Department Headings	Rec. for 1940	Appro. 1939	Addl. Amounts	Total Amt. Avl.	Unexpended and Returned to Gen. Fund	Net Amount Used from Direct Taxation
Assessors' Expense	\$600.00	\$550.00		\$550.00	a \$43.01	\$506.99
Asst. to Clerk, Treas. and Collector	1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00		1,200.00
Aid to Dependent Children	6,500.00	4,500.00	A 2,135.61	6,635.61	b 1,377.52	4,500.00
Aid to Dependent Children—Adm.	100.00		A 53.59	53.59	* 50.34	none
Dog Officer	200.00	90.00	B 46.00	136.00	c 146.74	136.00
Election Expense	800.00	275.00	B 33.25	308.25	a .36	307.89
Emergency Fund	500.00	400.00		400.00	a 245.75	154.25
Fire Department	8,650.00	8,500.00		8,500.00	d 25.13	8,481.87
Forest Warden's Salary	300.00	300.00		300.00		300.00
Health Department	3,000.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	e 381.60	2,499.56
Inspector of Animals	100.00	100.00		100.00		100.00
Interest on Notes	201.04	327.00		327.00	f 3,612.11	327.00
Incidentals	100.00	90.00		90.00		87.89
Legal Expense	600.00	600.00		600.00		600.00
Memorial Day Expense	360.00	360.00		360.00	a 10.66	349.34
Moth Department	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	a 1.83	2,498.17
Old Age Assistance	34,000.00	40,000.00	A 26,451.12	66,451.12	g 29,460.83	34,000.00
Old Age Assistance—Adm.	500.00		A 1,081.16	1,081.16	* 248.42	none
Pensions	991.00	991.00		991.00		991.00
Police Department	6,650.00	6,600.00	B 75.00	6,675.00	h 80.54	6,673.84
Police Car		600.00		600.00		600.00
Public Welfare	20,000.00	27,000.00		27,000.00	i 12,101.59	22,761.40
Road Department	12,000.00	21,700.00	C 18,493.26	40,193.26	j 1,972.78	20,043.77
Registrars of Voters' Expense	500.00	450.00		450.00	k 12.39	440.61
Registrars of Voters' Salaries	225.00	225.00		225.00		225.00
Rent of Town Offices	875.00	875.00		875.00	a 2.56	872.44
Schools	85,129.00	84,100.00	D 14,081.61	90,181.61	i 2,418.14	84,049.13

Department Headings	Rec. for 1940	Appro. 1939	Addl. Amounts	Total Amt. Avl.	Unexpended and Returned to Gen. Fund	Net— Amount Used from Direct Taxation
Sealer of Weights and Measures	500.00	500.00		500.00	m 83.78	496.22
Soldiers' Relief	4,000.00	4,500.00		4,500.00	a 1,687.15	2,812.85
Selectmen's Expense	200.00	200.00		200.00	a 2.10	197.90
State Aid	72.00	120.00		120.00	n 130.00	112.00
Tax Collector's Expense	650.00	750.00		750.00	o 695.49	749.20
Town Accountant's Expense	50.00	50.00		50.00	a 23.11	26.89
Town Accountant's Salary	800.00	500.00		500.00		500.00
Town Clerk's Expense	200.00	200.00		200.00	p 741.13	195.17
Town Infirmary	4,500.00	4,500.00		4,500.00	q 133.05	4,459.90
Town Hall	75.00				r 16.00	
Town Officers' Salaries	6,865.00	5,265.00		5,265.00		5,265.00
Town Physician	800.00	600.00		600.00		600.00
Town Treasurer's Expense	325.00	515.00		515.00	a 1.78	513.22
Tree Department	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00	a 14	2,999.86
Town Reports		426.40		426.40		426.40
Rent of Fire Station	1,600.00	1,600.00		1,600.00		1,600.00
W. P. A. Project Funds	10,000.00	9,700.00		9,700.00	a 61.85	9,638.15
Overdrafts and Unpaid Bills	456.60	3,089.81		3,089.81		3,089.81
	<u>\$220,674.64</u>	<u>\$240,349.21</u>	<u>\$61,315.85</u>	<u>\$293,665.06</u>	<u>(s) \$55,767.88</u>	<u>\$226,388.72</u>

A	Federal Grant.	i	Unexpended balance \$4,238.60 - Receipts from
B	Transferred from Reserve Fund.	j	State, Cities and Towns \$7,862.99.
C	Ames Fund, \$18,479.51 — Dept. of Public Works, \$13.75.	k	Unexpended balance \$1,656.23 - Sale of Materials \$1.55 - From State \$15.00 - Claim \$300.00.
D	Ames Fund — \$8,000.00 of which was transferred to Bond account and was not available for use by School Dept.	l	Unexpended balance \$9.39 - Sale of Voting Lists \$3.00.
a	Unexpended balance.	m	Unexpended balance \$50.87 - Tuitions from State, Cities and Towns \$2,367.27.
b	Balance of Federal Grant Jan. 1, 1940 - \$781.86. From State \$595.66.	n	Unexpended balance \$3.78 - Fees \$80.00.
c	From County of Bristol.	o	Unexpended balance \$8.00 - From State \$122.00.
d	Unexpended balance \$18.13 - Sale of Scrap Iron \$7.00.	p	Unexpended balance \$.80 - Fees \$694.69.
e	Unexpended balance \$.44 - Licenses \$62.50 - Sub- sidies \$318.66.	q	Unexpended balance \$4.83 - Fees \$736.30.
f	Unexpended balance \$2.11 - Sale of History of Easton \$2.50 - Licenses \$3,605.00.	r	Unexpended balance \$40.10 - Sale of Goods \$92.95.
g	Unexpended balance \$6000.00 - Balance of Federal Grant \$6,154.42 - State & Towns \$17,306.41.	s	Rent \$16.00.
h	Unexpended balance \$1.16 - Fines 63.38 - Permits \$16.00.		Balance of Federal Grants.
			Total Unexpended appropriations for 1939 - \$14,- 114.74. Department receipts from all other sources to General Fund \$34,418.10. Balances of Federal Grants which will be carried for- ward for 1940 - \$7,235.04.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 1940

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BRISTOL, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Easton in the County of Bristol, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Oliver Ames High School Auditorium in said Easton on Monday, the fourth day of March, next, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Board of Health, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Town Accountant, Tree Warden and any committee of the Town and take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1900, to be used to increase the salary of the Town Accountant from \$500 to \$800, Chairman of the Board of Assessors from \$400 to \$600, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen from \$250 to \$500, the other two members of the Board of Selectmen from \$250 to \$400, Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare from \$250 to \$800, the other two members of the Board of Public Welfare from \$250 to \$400. (By request of Town Manager Committee.)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2000 of grant balance remaining on Easton Furnace School

project to pay maturing debt on School House Loan notes coming due in 1940.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Public Welfare, or the Board of Old Age Assistance to appoint one of their members to the position of investigator and to determine his compensation to be paid from grant of Federal Aid.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to purchase two or more trucks for the Highway Department and certain trucks of said Department to be applied toward the purchase price of the same, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for this purpose.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to care for public owned or controlled grass plots, and cemeteries in the Town.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover certain unpaid bills and over-drafts of the Board of Health for the fiscal year of 1939.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day to be expended under the direction of Elijah A. Morse Camp—Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, George S. Shepard Post No. 7—American Legion, George F. Schindler Post No. 2547—Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Finance Committee expenses. (By request of the Finance Committee.)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept as laid out by the Selectmen, the widening of the portion of Main Street between Williams Street, and the Westerly end of the North Easton Grammar School lot, as shown on a plan on file at the Town Clerk's office.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Financial year beginning January 1, 1941, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to use the sum of \$1400 now in the Town Treasury, being the proceeds from the sale by the Town of the Daniel Donahue property located at the corner of Williams and Bridge Street, to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to authorize the assessors to use from surplus revenue to reduce the tax levy for the current year.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey the property together with buildings thereon located on the Northeasterly side of Day Street, conveyed to the Town by deed of Dennis J. Donahoe, or take any other action relative to the disposition of the same.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost of maintaining the Town Hall and premises, or to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey or dispose of land and the buildings known as the Town Hall property located at the corner of Center and Depot Street, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey the land, and buildings thereon, known as the Union School Property, located on the corner of Highland and South Street or take any other action relative to the disposition of the same.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey certain land located Easterly from Center Street and Railroad track, or take any other action relative to the disposition of the same.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to extend Seaver Street as now laid out in a straight line to the end of the premises of Frank Anderson, and to raise and appropriate money therefor. (By petition of Frank Anderson and others.)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire land by purchase or eminent domain, to establish a Town Dump for the convenience of the South Easton and Eastondale Districts, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, qualified to vote in elections residing in Precinct One to meet at the Town Hall, those residing in Precinct Two to meet at the Ames Memorial Hall, and those residing in Precinct Three to meet at the South Easton School House, on Monday, the eleventh day of March, next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to bring in their votes all on one ballot, for one member of the Board of Assessors for a term of three years and one member of the Board of Health for a term of three years, and one member of the School Committee for a term of three years, Moderator, three Selectmen, three members of the Board of Public Welfare, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Tree Warden, and a Finance Committee of fifteen, all for a term of one year. The polls will be open at 10:00 o'clock A. M. and shall be closed at 8:00 o'clock P. M.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at each meeting house and post office in

said Town, and one at the Town Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting, and said Town Clerk is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Warden or Deputy Warden at the time and place of holding said meeting for the election of officers, and said Warden is hereby required to make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk, together with his return of officers elected, at close of said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, in the year nineteen hundred and forty.

EDGAR W. BALDWIN,
ALPHON N. J. CARLSON,
ALBERT E. WOOD,
Selectmen of Easton.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH ANNUAL
REPORT

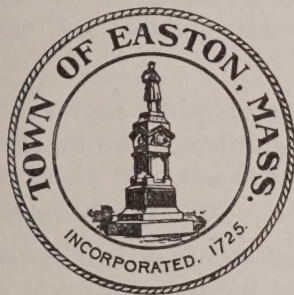
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and the Fifty-fourth from the office of the
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of the

TOWN OF EASTON
MASSACHUSETTS



For the Year Ending December 31

1939

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Easton :

The School Committee herewith submits the one hundred and twelfth annual report.

At the opening of schools in September sessions were held in the new building at Easton Furnace. This building is superior to any other school building in the town in its adaptation to school work and its up-to-date furnishings, and replaces a building built in the year 1868 which was poorly ventilated and inadequately lighted. A spacious playground with splendid equipment is provided at this school in sharp contrast to conditions at the old Union School. The old building was turned over to the Selectmen on December 4, 1939, and jurisdiction over that building passed to their hands on that date.

Another room has been added to the Eastondale School which has relieved the crowded condition at the South Easton School and has reduced to four the number of classrooms in town having more than two grades.

The lack of playground space at Unionville School and the need of added playground space at South Easton are problems which confront us and we hope that sometime in the near future it will be possible for us to make changes to take care of this very important need. Improvements in front of the South Easton School have been made by the removal of several trees which had grown to such proportions that they had become unsightly and spoiled the view of the building from the street. Playground apparatus is needed at the school

at Poquanticut. This school also presents a great problem in that there are no inside toilet facilities. This is a matter which should be considered without much further delay, and with this in view we have brought to this school all the equipment of this nature taken from the old Union School with the hope that funds may some time be available for the modernization of this school in this respect.

A bus shelter or waiting room for pupils was built at the head of Lincoln Street early last spring. This serves a useful purpose in protecting the health and comfort of pupils waiting for the bus in that section of the town.

A decrease in the enrollment of the North Easton Grammar School made it possible to reduce the number of teachers by one at this building. However, an additional teacher was required at the Eastondale School because of the new room, thus making the total number of teachers employed the same as a year ago.

One of our teachers, Miss Lorraine E. Dahlborg, was lost to our staff in August, 1939, by accidental drowning. Miss Dahlborg was graduated from our local High School in 1927 and from Boston University in 1931. She was appointed a teacher in our schools in 1934. Miss Dahlborg was a faithful and conscientious teacher and her loss was keenly felt by all connected with our schools and by all the citizens of the town.

Restoration of part of the salary cuts made in 1932 has caused the salary item in our budget to increase. Another factor causing this item to go up is the relative stability of tenure of the members of our teaching staff, so that through annual increments more of them are near the salary maximum than would be the case if numerous resignations, with replacements with less experience and lower salaried teachers, occurred.

A re-valuation of all school buildings and contents has been made for insurance purposes. The real estate valuations

were made by an experienced insurance man. While the changes in valuation were not great, the reductions were enough so that our insurance costs—a costly item in our budget—will not be increased as a result of the new building at Easton Furnace and the addition to the Eastondale School.

When the 1939 tax rate, with its large increase, was announced, many citizens jumped to the conclusion that the building of the new school at Easton Furnace and the adding of a room at Eastondale were largely responsible for this increase. The payments on these two PWA jobs from the current tax levy, however, were \$2,000 for the retirement of bonds and \$640.00 for interest on bonds, or a total of \$2,640.00. This amount increased the tax rate less than 55 cents per thousand dollars. In the years ahead, this amount will gradually decrease, as there will be less interest to pay.

Our expenditures per pupil enrolled in the schools are lower than the average of all the towns (exclusive of cities) of the state. The rates in the cities are higher than the state average of the towns. Including income from the Oliver Ames School Fund and the Oakes Ames Fund our expenditures per pupil in net average membership in 1939 were \$87.13 (exclusive of capital outlay and tuition paid to trade schools), while the corresponding figure for all of the towns of the state (excluding cities) was approximately \$97.00.

Only minor repair work was done in 1939. The table below shows the distribution of expenditures for repairs over our various buildings.

School	Repairs	Furniture and Furnishings
Junior-Senior High School	\$ 634.57	\$281.53
North Easton Grammar School	261.13	3.50
South Easton School	147.64	—
Eastondale School	70.02	—
Union School (old)	75.44	—
Easton Furnace School (new)	19.63	8.00

Unionville School	36.05	—
Poquanticut School	39.60	—
	<u>\$1,284.08</u>	<u>\$293.03</u>

The long standing trouble of moisture penetration of the east wall of the addition to the high school building has been largely, if not entirely, corrected by caulking the window frames under the staff beads, and by capping the top of this wall with copper sheeting. No moisture has been apparent on the interior of this wall since this work was done early last spring. No large items of repairs are planned for 1940, but in addition to minor repairs, some pointing of brickwork should be done on the south wall of the High School.

Our 1939 expenditures and our 1940 estimates are shown in parallel columns below. The decrease in estimates for instructional supplies and fuel are due to the fact that large quantities of both are being carried over from 1939. It is expected that the insurance costs will be considerably lower in 1940 than in 1939, due chiefly to the fact that insurance on boilers in five school buildings was paid for a three year term last year. The item of "Outlay" is larger than it was last year, due to the Committee's belief that the installation of indoor toilets at the Poquanticut School should not be further delayed. The details of our 1939 expenditures and our 1940 estimates follow:

	Expended 1939	Needed 1940
General Control	1,635.34	1,620.00
School Committee:		
Office Expense	105.12	90.00
Telephone	80.22	80.00
Superintendent's Expenses		
Traveling Expense	150.00	150.00
Supervisor of Attendance	100.00	100.00
Clerk	1,200.00	1,200.00

Salaries	58,731.22	60,393.00
Textbooks	954.08	1,200.00
Supplies	2,886.74	1,700.00
Operating Expenses	12,667.10	10,595.00
Janitors' Wages	6,376.79	6,660.00
Fuel	4,402.24	2,005.00
Janitors' Supplies	659.96	600.00
Water	198.65	230.00
Electricity	929.52	975.00
Miscellaneous School Plant	99.94	125.00
Maintenance	1,577.11	2,000.00
Repairs	1,284.08	1,600.00
Furniture and Furnishings	293.03	400.00
Health	2,399.11	2,462.00
Salary Physician	585.00	600.00
Salary Nurse	1,527.33	1,567.00
Transportation	240.00	240.00
Supplies	31.53	40.00
Miscellaneous	15.25	15.00
Transportation	6,224.60	6,264.00
Tuition	276.88	335.00
Sundries	2,572.45	1,860.00
General	93.54	85.00
Graduation	85.59	75.00
Insurance	2,393.32	1,700.00
Library	25.65	50.00
Outlay	180.46	650.00
Permanent Improvement		500.00
New Equipment	180.46	150.00
Unpaid Bills of 1938	316.60	
	\$90,447.34	\$89,129.00

BUDGET SUMMARY

A. 1939

(1)	Appropriation, March, 1939	\$84,100.00
(2)	Appropriation for Unpaid Bills of 1938, School Dept's Share	316.60
(3)	Receipts, Oliver Ames School Fund, 1939	\$14,081.61
	Less amount applied on Bond Account	8,000.00
	Available for school expenses	6,081.61
	Total available for support of schools	\$90,498.21
	Expenditures during the year	
	Current expenses	\$90,130.74
	Unpaid bills of 1938	316.60
	Total	90,447.34
		\$ 50.87

B. 1940

(1)	Town appropriation requested	\$85,129.00
(2)	Estimated from Oliver Ames School Fund, after setting aside \$8,000.00 for Bond Account	4,000.00
	Total	\$89,129.00

C. In 1939 the following sums were received by the town on account of its schools and went into the general fund of the town treasury:

From the state, on account of teachers' salaries	\$13,165.00
From the state, as tuition and transportation of state wards	1,402.96

From the City of Boston, as tuition of Boston city wards	298.80
From the Town of Sharon, tuition	437.09
From the state, as reimbursement in part for tuition paid trade schools	54.18
From H. A. Richards, Norton, tuition	61.25
From rental of hall	42.00
From supplies sold, mimeograph work, etc.	70.99
	\$15,532.27

If the above amount could be applied to the 1940 budget, the cost to the town by direct taxes for the year would be \$69,596.73, (\$85,129.00 minus \$15,532.27 equals \$69,596.73).

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR F. ANDERSON, Chairman
ALICE K. BRIGGS
WILFRED P. KEITH
ROGER A. McNAMARA
HORACE H. MITCHELL

January 22, 1940

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Easton:

It is an honor to be permitted to submit this, the fifty-fourth annual report from the office of the superintendent of schools. It is the fifteenth in this series of annual reports which it has been my privilege to present. In its preparation, information provided in the annual reports of principals, school nurse and music supervisor has been freely used. As in other years, the report will briefly set forth some of the achievements along educational lines in the town in 1939, and will discuss certain problems and needs of the schools.

This report is written when half of the world is at war. The propaganda of foreign governments and of subversive groups in our own country, coupled with the economic stress of the times, make intelligent citizenship more necessary and probably more difficult than ever before. The American way of life is prefaced on a system of universal free education, in striking contrast to the situation in most other countries, and in particular to the conditions in those countries commonly termed, in the present conflict, the aggressor nations. The important part which the schools must play in the production of an informed and intelligent citizenry is generally recognized, and the responsibility is gravely assumed by the instructional staff.

Today, in Easton, nearly every child stays in school long enough to complete the eighth grade, and nearly two-thirds of them remain until graduation from high school. State labor and school attendance laws practically guarantee the former, and employment conditions have of course contrib-

uted to the latter. While the schools are often criticized for the product which they turn out, and while undoubtedly more effective curricula will eventually be found, there can be no doubt that the educational job which the schools are doing with the young people is more effective than ever before. As indicated above, this fact is the result in part of conditions outside the school. The better trained and more experienced teaching staff which our schools now have, together with the longer period of service in Easton schools which our teachers average to serve, also contribute their part to the greater effectiveness of the school system.

SCHOOL COSTS, 1929—1939

Ten years ago, in October, 1929, the stock market crash startled the world. That date marked the conscious beginning of the great depression in business and financial circles, and governmental agencies including public education were faced with new problems. The depression has continued, with partial alleviation at times, until the present,—a period of ten years. This period has been marked by rapid increase in federal, state and local governmental expenditures and a consequent increase in the tax rate. The paragraphs which follow show that school costs in Easton have gone directly against that general trend, in that they are decidedly lower than they were ten years ago. Local school costs have gone down during this period, while school costs for the entire state have increased. Local school enrollment has remained in general stationary during these last ten years, while the total school enrollments over the state have decreased.

Ten years ago, at its town meeting in March, 1929, Easton appropriated \$92,496.00 for the support of its schools. There was also available from the two Ames funds, after setting aside \$8,000 for the retirement of school bonds, the additional sum of \$14,805, making a total of slightly over \$107,000 available for school expenses that year. Ten years later, in 1939, the town appropriation for schools was \$84,100, or a reduc-

tion of over \$8,300. The amount received from the two Ames funds, after again setting aside \$8,000 for retirement of school bonds, was \$9,581.61, a reduction from this source of over \$5,200. Hence the schools were operated in 1939 on about \$13,500 less than was the case in 1929. These figures for both years are exclusive of capital outlay (retirement of school bonds and interest on outstanding school bonds).

The building program carried on in 1929 and 1930 required the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$150,000. Half of these bonds have now been retired. The Oliver Ames School Bequest, in addition to providing about \$104,000 for the school construction program in 1929, has provided the money each year to retire the bonds, and has in addition paid \$500 of the interest on the bonds annually. The interest on these bonds in 1939 amounted to \$3,506.25, of which \$3,006.25 was paid from taxation. The new series of school bonds, issued in 1938 to finance recent PWA construction at Easton Furnace and Eastondale, required \$2,000 for retirement of bonds and \$640 for interest, or a total of \$2,640, in 1939. Hence the total cost from taxation of both school bond issues was \$5,646.25 last year. It will be \$5,287.50 in 1940, and will consequently account for a little over one dollar of the tax rate. The town has been in the fortunate position of being able to carry on an extensive school building program without seriously disturbing the finances of the town or its tax rate. Recent sharp increases in the tax rate must be charged off to governmental activities not connected with the schools. In fact, in 1928, before the financing of new construction entered the educational picture in town, the appropriation for support of schools (\$89,827.00) exceeded the combined totals of the 1939 appropriation for support of schools (\$84,100.00) and the 1939 cost from taxation of school bonds and interest on bonds (\$5,646.25).

The preceding paragraphs point out the reduced expenditures for schools in Easton in recent years, particularly the

reduction in routine operating costs. The question may well be raised as to how our present costs compare with those of the state as a whole. This comparison can best be presented on the basis of cost per pupil. In Easton, for the year ending December 31, 1939, the cost per pupil in net average membership, exclusive of expenditures for new construction and for trade school tuition, was \$86.83. Income from both the Oakes Ames School Fund and the Oliver Ames School Fund (after setting aside \$8,000 of the latter for school bonds) is included in this figure. The corresponding figure for the state as a whole for 1938 (figures for 1939 are not yet available) was \$102.78, or \$15.95 per pupil higher than the figure for Easton. Of the Easton figure, \$8.93 came from the two Ames Funds, leaving \$77.90 as the cost per pupil in net average membership from tax money in 1939. Expenditure per pupil on the same basis in Massachusetts towns (not cities) of 5,000 population or over was \$95.42 for 1938. Towns of the state having a population of less than 5,000 which maintained high schools had an expenditure of \$95.48, while the figure for the smaller towns, which do not maintain high schools, was \$109.02.

These figures show that not only are our local school expenditures lower than they were ten years ago, but that they are considerably lower, on the basis of cost per pupil, than the average in the various towns of the state. The elimination of special teachers in physical education and art, the economical assignment, as far as possible, of pupils per teacher, the careful purchase and use of supplies, and the reduction in the amount of repair work done, have all contributed to this reduction in costs. Given careful management, we get about what we pay for, in the long run. While we are not offering as well rounded a program as we did a few years ago, we feel that the fields which we are covering are in general just as well done as at any time in the past.

TEACHERS

During 1939 only three changes in the teaching staff occurred. Two North Easton Grammar School teachers re-

signed to be married, and one member of the senior high school staff was lost by death. The latter, Lorraine E. Dahlborg, met a tragic death by drowning last August. Miss Dahlborg was a graduate of Oliver Ames High School in the class of 1927, and of Boston University. She was a skillful, forceful teacher, and her cheerful disposition, her dependability and her industriousness won for her a large place in the hearts of all who knew her.

The vacancies in the elementary grades were filled by the election of Miss Irene Tait, a graduate last June of the State Teachers College at Bridgewater, and Miss Gladys Thomas, a graduate in 1938 of the same institution. Miss Thomas had taught one year in North Reading. Due to a decrease in the enrollment at the North Easton Grammar School, one less teacher was required there, and consequently Miss Tait was assigned to the new room at the Eastondale School which was built during the winter. Mrs. Beth S. Smith, widow of the late Maurice B. Smith, was elected to the vacancy at the high school created by Miss Dahlborg's death. Mrs. Smith had had a very successful teaching career prior to her marriage, and came to us most highly recommended. She is a graduate of Salem State Teachers College and of Bryant College of Providence.

During the past year the policy of employing local residents as teachers whenever adequately qualified candidates are available has been continued. At the present writing all but fourteen of our forty-one teachers were local people at the time of their appointment.

THE COURSE OF STUDY

During 1939 two course-of-study outlines for the elementary schools were prepared, and put into use when schools opened in September. One of these is the Course of Study in the Social Studies for grades 1 to 6 inclusive. This outline presents a fused course in the first three grades, and related units in history and geography in grades 4 to 6 inclusive. The unit plan of organization is followed throughout the out-

line, and the use of many activities and extensive reading is emphasized. The outline correlates the social studies and reading instruction.

The other course-of-study outline prepared for the elementary schools is the outline for teaching reading. This outline is in reality an extensive revision of the older outline prepared in 1929.

Both of these outlines were prepared by committees of teachers in cooperation with the superintendent.

In the junior-senior high school a full year course in Law and Salesmanship for seniors in the commercial course was introduced when the present school year opened in September. This represents an expansion of previous offerings and appears to have value especially for those who do not plan to take up clerical work. In grades 7 and 8 the club program, which includes the Hand Work Club, the Science Club, the Woodworking Club, the Scrap Book Club, the Choral Reading and Dramatic Club and the Junior Red Cross, offers worthwhile activities and is a valuable supplement to the regular curricular offerings.

Our music curriculum continues a much needed expansion. Our music supervisor is doing a splendid job in stimulating better music in our elementary schools. The orchestra and chorus groups, both meeting during school hours, have been continued at the high school, and in grades seven and eight all pupils receive, as in the past, two hours weekly of music instruction which is scheduled on the same basis as other subjects. All pupils in grade four and above, through the high school, now have the opportunity to study instrumental music in small groups during school hours. Miss Katherine Goeres of Randolph has two groups totalling 18 pupils in her violin classes; Mr. Charles Burke of Brockton has 12 pupils studying the brass instruments, and Mr. Donald Hayward of Easton instructs a group of 11 pupils on the woodwind instruments. The cost of this instruction is covered

by fees of thirty cents per lesson paid by the pupils receiving instruction, but the instructors are definitely under the supervision of the School Department and specifically under the direction of the music supervisor. A number of public spirited individuals in town have loaned instruments to pupils, to help along this interesting project.

At the South Easton and Eastondale Schools, an experiment in group instruction on the piano is being conducted by a well known local teacher of the piano. This is distinctly an experiment, the outcome of which is still problematical. This work is conducted in school buildings, after school hours, with the cooperation of but independently of the School Department. A similar plan regarding ball room and tap dancing will be attempted at the Eastondale School early in 1940.

In response to the suggestion of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, a safe-driving course has been instituted in the senior high school. This course is open to pupils over 15 years of age, and has an enrollment of about forty. The group meets once a week for a half-year (20 weeks). At the completion of the course, those who meet the requirements of the course will receive certificates which will excuse them from the otherwise required written examination when they apply for a driver's license.

For many years this school system has provided instruction in woodworking to junior and senior high school pupils. At present this offering is confined to pupils of grades seven to ten inclusive. Most school systems in recent years have been revising their shop curriculum, dispensing with the woodworking shop as such and substituting general shop instruction. Such a curriculum includes units in woodworking, metal work, electrical wiring, and frequently automobile repairing and printing. I recommend that the possibilities of the general shop curriculum be explored for gradual adoption in Easton, with the intention eventually of extending the advantages of this type of instruction to boys in grades 11 and 12. If the

change is made gradually, the expense of introducing such a curriculum should not be great.

I believe that the possibilities of a state-aided vocational Household Arts Department for our high school should be investigated. We now have a one-teacher department offering instruction in grades seven to ten inclusive. This work could very profitably be extended to girls in grades 11 and 12. We already have the rooms and the equipment, but are short on teacher time. If a state-aided vocational department is introduced, the town will be reimbursed by the state to the extent of half of the cost of teaching services in grades 9 to 12. A minimum of one and a half teachers would be required to meet our needs in such a department, but after allowing for the state reimbursement (which would go into the general fund of the town treasury), the added expense would not be great and the educational advantages would, in my opinion, be considerable.

Two other curriculum needs will be mentioned, without any expectation that it will be possible to meet them in the near future. One is the restoration of physical education in the junior-senior high school. We have both indoor and outdoor physical education facilities available which are excelled by no schools and equalled by few in this section of the state, but they are standing idle throughout the school day because of the lack of physical education teachers. The other need is that of a part time art supervisor to work with the teachers in the grade schools. Such a teacher working only one day a week would be a big help, although two days of her time are really needed.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

The use of standardized achievement tests in all grades of the school system is a practical necessity. However, funds have not been available to make this possible during the past two years. Such tests have been used with all sixth grade pupils as an aid to classification in the Junior High School

the following fall, and to provide other much needed information to Junior High teachers regarding their new pupils. In all other grades this phase of testing has had to be neglected. Considerable system-wide use of new type tests prepared by our own staff has been made, and teachers have used reading tests which come with the pupils' subscriptions to My Weekly Reader. Of course much informal testing is always done by individual teachers.

Standardized tests are accompanied by grade scores or standard scores which represent the median or average scores of thousands of pupils of the grades tested in various parts of the country. They thus provide a yard-stick by which we can measure the academic achievement of our own pupils, provided the standardized procedures in giving and scoring the tests are followed. If the mental age or intelligence quotient of the child is known, the teacher can use the pupil's score on the standardized test as an aid in determining whether or not the pupil's achievement approaches what he is capable of doing. The tests have diagnostic value and enable the teacher to detect specific weaknesses in the child's learning activities, and points of over-emphasis or under-emphasis in her own teaching. Teachers like to use standardized tests, and numerous requests have been received from principals and teachers for them since their general use has been discontinued here.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

Every elementary school should have a spacious, well equipped playground. At the North Easton Grammar School and the Eastondale School the playgrounds are reasonably adequate and well equipped. Both need to have portions of of their areas covered with an inch or more of screened gravel. At the South Easton School the playground is well equipped but much too small. The size of this playground should be doubled by acquiring land east of the present lot before it is used for other purposes. The lot on which the new Easton

Furnace School was built has ample playground areas and the playground equipment is adequate. Some grading is needed on this lot. The Poquanticut School playground is ample in size but is totally lacking in playground equipment. This lack could be remedied without great expense, and I hope that steps will be taken as soon as funds are available to provide a few pieces of apparatus. At the Unionville School there is no playground and no playground apparatus. It is our understanding that a conveniently located plot south-east of the school lot could be purchased reasonably. If this one-room school is to continue to operate, steps should be taken to acquire this piece of land and to equip it. The practice of the older children of this school of crossing the state highway to an unused lot for play purposes is too dangerous to be allowed to continue.

It may be of interest to note here that of the various pieces of playground apparatus on elementary school playgrounds, all except those at the new Easton Furnace School were either given by private groups and individuals or purchased with funds raised by teachers and pupils. At Easton Furnace the playground equipment was a part of the PWA contract.

ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Today every school building, whether for elementary or high school use, should have an assembly hall. The only exceptions which we would make from this statement are the one room schools. Our high school and the elementary buildings at Eastondale, Easton Furnace and North Easton have assembly rooms, although the one at North Easton Grammar School is also used as a kindergarten classroom, which is a great handicap to its use for assembly purposes. The South Easton School has no assembly room.

At the North Easton Grammar School there are at present two classrooms which are not used for class purposes. It might be advantageous to utilize a regular classroom for the

housing of the kindergarten and thus clear the assembly room of the great obstacle to its easy utilization for assembly purposes. At present, auditorium chairs belonging at the high school but needed there only on special occasions are used for assembly seating at the North Easton Grammar School. The moving of these chairs from building to building perhaps a dozen times a year is injurious to the chairs and somewhat expensive. We are looking forward to the time when assembly chairs permanently kept at this building will be available.

The lack of assembly room facilities at the South Easton School probably cannot be remedied for some time. However, an addition to the rear of the building, of wood construction, large enough for this purpose would not be very costly and will eventually have to come if the children attending that school are to enjoy facilities equal to those enjoyed by the children of the other schools of the town.

COMMUNITY COOPERATION

The schools have been the recipients of assistance from local organizations and individuals during 1939 to an extent perhaps greater than in most other years. Among individuals, our appreciation goes to Mrs. Louis A. Frothingham for the Christmas parties which she provided for all children in the elementary schools of the town. Wilfred P. Keith, John Woodworth and Edwin Nystrom have loaned musical instruments to aid the instrumental music classes. Miss Harriet Stone has continued her interest in the Mary A. Stone Library at the North Easton Grammar School. Rev. R. C. Leonard has presented the High School with a fine screen for motion pictures or stereopticon projection. The Laurel Club, the Outlook Club, the Browning Club and the Clover Club have offered scholarships as in past years. The Easton Lions Club has continued to sponsor the dental clinic in the schools, has provided glasses for twenty needy children and has financed tonsil operations for several others. The Easton Teachers'

Club still sponsors the Milk Fund for undernourished school children. The Laurel Club has presented a beautiful colored, framed picture to the Eastondale School, for use in the new classroom there. The George F. Schindler Post, No. 2546, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Ladies Auxiliary of that organization, have purchased two beautiful silk flags with floor stands (one United States flag and one State flag) and a wool flag for outdoor use, which are to be presented to the new Easton Furnace School as soon as PWA red tape can be cut so that the building can be formally dedicated. This intended gift is mentioned in this 1939 report because it was the intention to present the flags last fall, the delay in the dedication not having been foreseen at that time. A beautiful silk flag was presented to Miss Bird's room at the North Easton Grammar School by the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and other local patriotic organizations as a reward for participating in the Armistice Day parade. A. H. Dahlborg presented the new Easton Furnace School with a fine piano for its assembly room. The Class of 1939 of Oliver Ames High School, and the Clover Club, each presented and set out a maple tree on the grounds of the high school.

All of these gifts are appreciated both for the spirit which they manifest and for the good which they accomplish in the schools.

The High School Cafeteria is managed with the intention of furnishing pupils as much food value as possible without creating a deficit in the cafeteria finances. In recent years small balances have accumulated, however, and this money has been used to purchase cafeteria equipment or equipment for the cooking classroom. In 1939 a new electric range was purchased with funds from this source and placed in the cooking classroom. This room is now unusually well equipped.

The South Easton School raised funds and purchased two pieces of playground apparatus costing \$110.00. The Easton-

dale and Easton Furnace Schools have purchased with their own funds a number of pictures, which they have had framed and hung on their classroom walls.

IN CONCLUSION

In bringing this report to a close, I wish to acknowledge with appreciation the spirit of cooperation which has been so evidently manifested by all who are in any way connected with the schools. I can truthfully say that "team-work" has been an actuality throughout our school system. Teachers, janitors and other school employees have worked faithfully; parents and pupils have done their part well; and the voters have been considerate in providing financial support. You, the School Committee members, whose service on the School Committee brings you no financial reward and little glory but, I hope, much personal satisfaction, have been faithful in attendance at board meetings, and conscientious in the performance of your duties as school board members. A school superintendent working under such conditions has much for which to be thankful.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT C. MANN.

January 15, 1940.

SCHEDULE OF "NO SCHOOL" SIGNALS

The sirens of both the North Easton and the South Easton fire stations will be used to sound the signal. The "no school" signal on the North Easton station will be two blasts sounded three times in succession (2-2-2). The "no school" signal on the South Easton station will be one long blast sounded either at 7:15 or 7:30 a. m. Signals will have the following meanings:

7:15 A. M.—No school all day at the Junior-Senior High School.

7:30 A. M.—No school all day in the elementary schools.

12:45 P. M.—No school for the afternoon session at the North Easton Grammar School.

"No school" signals will be used only when weather conditions are unusually severe. The scattered population of the town and the extensive pupil transportation system make it necessary to sound the signal, if at all, a considerable time in advance of the opening hour of school sessions. It occasionally happens that weather conditions which appear promising at the hour the signals should be sounded become severe by the time many pupils start for school. Parents are requested to use their own judgment in such cases as to whether or not a child should attend a school session. Absences from school under these circumstances will be marked in the school registers with a distinctive mark and will not be counted against the child's perfect attendance record on the report cards.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF OAKES AMES BEQUEST

For the Year Ending December 31, 1939

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 1939	\$2,295.52
Interest received	3,642.50
	\$5,938.02

EXPENDITURES

Doris W. Leach	\$1,296.70	
Ruth G. Grant	250.00	
Charles E. MacLeod	1,536.56	
Gilbert C. Mann	200.00	
Clerk, Elmer L. Randall	50.00	
Fee for filing report with Probate Court	3.00	
Supplies bought	\$227.67	
Less supplies sold	63.93	163.74
	\$3,500.00	
Balance on hand December 31, 1939	2,438.02	\$5,938.02

EXPENDITURES BY DIVISIONS

January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939

	General	Senior High	Junior High	Elementary	Total
School Committee, Office, etc.	\$ 185.34	.....	.....	.....	\$ 185.34
Superintendent's Traveling Expense	150.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00
Supervisor of Attendance	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00
Clerk	1,200.00	.....	.....	.....	1,200.00
Salaries	3,220.00	\$14,458.71	\$13,593.08	\$27,459.43	58,731.22
Textbooks	.....	167.00	145.81	641.27	954.08
Supplies for Instruction	.....	1,151.01	526.39	1,209.34	2,886.74
Janitors' Wages	.....	1,435.00	1,235.00	3,706.79	6,376.79
Fuel	.....	975.12	975.05	2,452.07	4,402.24
Janitors' Supplies	.....	162.47	156.51	340.98	659.96
Water	.....	43.53	43.50	111.62	198.65
Electricity	.....	252.31	252.25	424.96	929.52
Miscellaneous School Plant	.....	20.92	20.82	58.20	99.94
Repairs and Furnishings	.....	578.91	337.19	661.01	1,577.11
Outlay	.....	43.95	45.75	90.76	180.46
Library	.....	13.45	12.00	20	25.65
Health	.....	486.52	474.27	1,438.32	2,399.11
Transportation	.....	1,737.16	2,195.18	2,292.26	6,224.60
Tuition	.....	276.88	.....	.....	276.88
Sundries	.....	22.30	.....	.....	22.30
Graduation	.....	85.59	11.35	59.89	93.54
Insurance	.....	664.81	.....	.....	664.81
Total	\$5,118.84	\$23,188.91	\$22,015.49	\$43,307.50	\$93,630.74
Total Town	\$4,855.34	\$22,575.64	\$20,688.96	\$42,010.80	\$90,130.74
Oakes Ames Fund	263.50	613.27	1,326.53	1,296.70	3,500.00
Average Membership	1,101.42	199.46	264.10	637.86	1,101.42
Cost per pupil in average membership not including capital outlay and tuition	*\$4.65	*\$114.65	*\$83.19	*\$67.75	*\$84.59
Average in State, year ending June 30, 1939	\$3.71	\$124.12	\$104.23	\$88.73	\$102.46

*Includes amount paid by Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames Funds.

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENTS—SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES X TO XII

January 1, 1939 — December 31, 1939

	General			Commercial			English	History	Household Arts	Latin	Mathematics			Modern Language	Practical Arts	Science	Physical Education	Music	Total
Salaries	1,074.14	3,386.19	2,533.00	2,327.91	271.34	515.48	1,097.34	870.30	55.89	2,011.98	200.00	115.34	14,458.71						
Textbooks	39.44	3.28	21.53	49.99	.....	5.59	21.44	4.63	.....	.....	.....	11.67	167.00						
Supplies for Instruction	348.58	586.18	11.30	20.00	2.70	.....	.....	1.05	2.10	74.23	100.75	4.12	1,151.01						
Janitors' Wages	1,435.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,435.00						
Fuel	975.12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	975.12						
Janitors' Supplies	162.47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	162.47						
Water	43.53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43.53						
Electricity	252.31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	252.31						
Miscellaneous .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....						
School Plant	20.92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.92						
Repairs and Furnishings	339.18	229.28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....						
Outlay	39.09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.45	.....	7.00	.....	578.91						
Library	13.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.86	.....	43.95						
Health	486.52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.45						
Transportation	1,737.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	486.52						
Tuition	276.88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,737.16						
Sundries	22.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	276.88						
Graduation	85.59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22.30						
Insurance	664.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85.59						
Total Town	8,016.49	4,204.93	2,565.83	2,397.90	274.04	521.07	1,118.78	875.98	61.24	2,095.64	312.61	131.13	22,575.64						
Oakes Ames Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	563.27	.....	.....	.....	613.27						
Total*	8,016.49	4,204.93	2,565.83	2,397.90	324.04	521.07	1,118.78	875.98	624.51	2,095.64	312.61	131.13	23,188.91						
Average Membership .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	199.46						
Cost per pupil in average membership, not including outlay and tuition, year ending December 31, 1939 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*\$114.65						
Average in state, not including outlay and Trade School tuition, year ending June 30, 1939 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$124.12						
*Includes amount paid by Oakes Ames and Oliver Ames Funds.																			

EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENTS—JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, GRADES VII-IX

January 1, 1939 — December 31, 1939

	General	English	Latin	Social Studies	Mathematics	Penmanship and Spelling	Household Arts	Science	Art	Music	Physical Education	Practical Arts	Total
Salaries	1,656.44	2,621.58	257.61	2,417.58	2,090.31	661.34	707.59	1,910.85	571.69	571.79	.....	126.30	13,593.08
Textbooks	9.91	.....	6.37	51.49	48.91	.....	1.20	19.56	.....	8.37	.....	.....	145.81
Supplies for Instruction	464.22	.....	.....	24.82	.....	.....	3.06	18.64	.78	4.28	9.60	.99	526.39
Janitors' Wages	1,235.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,235.00
Fuel	975.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	975.05
Janitors' Supplies	156.51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	156.51
Water	43.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43.50
Electricity	252.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	252.25
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
School Plant	20.82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.82
Repairs and Furnishings	337.19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	337.19
Outlay	45.75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45.75
Library	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00
Health	474.27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	474.27
Transportation	2,195.18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,195.18
Sundries	11.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.35
Insurance	664.81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	664.81
Total Town	8,554.25	2,621.58	263.98	2,493.89	2,139.22	661.34	711.85	1,949.05	572.47	584.44	9.60	127.29	20,688.96
Oakes Ames Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,126.53	1,326.53
Total*	8,554.25	2,621.58	263.98	2,493.89	2,139.22	661.34	911.85	1,949.05	572.47	584.44	9.60	1,253.82	22,015.49
Average Membership	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	264.10
Cost per pupil in average membership, not including outlay, year ending December 31, 1939	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*\$83.19
Average in state, not including outlay, year ending June 30, 1939	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$104.23

*Includes amount paid by Oakes Ames and Olives Ames Funds.

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES — OCTOBER 1, 1939

School	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P. G.	Sp. Cl.	Total
Junior-Senior High School																
North Easton Grammar School	46	51	35	49	47	52	50	97	91	84	73	73	59	1	16	478
South Easton School		14	15	14	15	15	13									346
Eastondale School		10	10	18	10	18	15									86
Easton Furnace School		12	11	12	12	7	9									81
Poquanticut School		7	7	5	8											63
Unionville School		3	7	7	5	3										27
Total	46	97	85	105	97	95	87	97	91	84	73	73	59	1	16	1,106

CENSUS REPORT

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1939, as required by law.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Under 5 years attending school	14	10	24
Between the ages of 5 and 7	88	75	163
Between the ages of 7 and 16	434	379	813
	536	464	1,000

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

June 22, 1939

1. March—Land of Hope and Glory *Sir Edward Elgar*
Orchestra
2. Invocation
Rev. Merrill Beale
3. Address of Welcome by Class President *Peter Freitas*
4. Columbus *E. S. Hosmer*
Senior Girls Glee Club
Alto Solo by Mary Ann Syvertsen
Accompanist, Lydia Shaw, Class of 1941
5. Victory Overture *Otis Taylor*
Orchestra
6. Building for the Future
 - (a) Ever Forward *Edna Erickson*
 - (b) Building America *Myra Drew*
Tableau: From Peasant to Citizen
Ralph Nystrom, Edith Ryberg, Frank Rose
 - (c) The Masonry of Character *June Canegaly*
Tableau: The Teacher—
Margaret Jones, Edith Lewis
 - (d) The World of Tomorrow a Challenge to
Science and Education *George Edlund*
Tableau: Wonders of Science—
Ralph Parker, Dorothy Keith

- (e) The Importance of Music and Art in Our
Lives *Lucille Merry*
Tableau: Beauty and Song—
Priscilla Hayward, Frank Rego

7. Land of Hope and Glory *Sir Edward Elgar*
Senior Chorus

8. Award of

- (a) Louis A. Frothingham Scholarship—George Francis Edlund
(b) Browning-Clover Club Scholarship—June Nathalie Canegaly
(c) Young Scholarship—Lucille Ann Merry
(d) Laurel Club Scholarship—Ralph A. Parker
(Restricted to residents of South Easton and Eastondale)
(e) Outlook Club Award—Lillian Gertrude Earle
(Restricted to former pupils of the Union School and residents of the Club District)
(f) Washington and Franklin Medal—Richard C. Nelson
(g) Diplomas *Mr. Arthur F. Anderson*

9. Class Song *Words by Elsie Heino*
Class of 1939

10. Benediction
Rev. John Bradner

11. Land of Hope and Glory *Sir Edward Elgar*
Orchestra

LIST OF HONORS

GENERAL HONORS

Graduated with High Honors

George Edlund

Edna Erickson

Lucille Merry

Graduated with Honors

June Canegaly

Priscilla Hayward

Myra Drew

Edith Lewis

A pupil to be graduated with high honors must have an average of "A" in all subjects; to be graduated with honors he must have an average of "B".

SPECIAL HONORS

High Honors

George Edlund, Bookkeeping, English, History and Typewriting

Edna Erickson, Bookkeeping, Stenography and Typewriting

Peter Freitas, Shop

Edith Lewis, Bookkeeping

Lucille Merry, Stenography

Honors

Julia Anderson, Typewriting

Elizabeth Daly, Bookkeeping and Typewriting

Margaret Downey, Bookkeeping

Edith Lewis, Stenography

Lucille Merry, Bookkeeping

Special honors are awarded as follows: High honors are given to pupils whose yearly marks in the particular subjects are all "A's"; honors are given to those who have received but one "B", all other yearly marks being "A". Honors will not be given in subjects requiring less than two years in the curriculum nor to any pupil pursuing a subject less than the maximum number of years.

CLASS OF 1939

Julia C. Anderson	Mildred Louise Johnson
Selma Josephine Anderson	Margaret Janice Jones
William A. Berglund	Eva Katherine Kalium
Winton Chandler Brown	Dorothy Virginia Keith
Geraldine Mae Buckingham	Edith Shirley Lewis
John Alden Burrill, Jr.	Lucille Ann Merry
June Nathalie Canegaly	James Francis McMenamy
Ruth Virginia Chevers	John Paul McMenamy
Lila Mae Chase	Phyllis Marie McNayr
Robert Francis Clifford	Lillian Harriet Millet
Sidney J. Cohen	Patricia Morgan
Joseph A. Correia	Ralph Carlton Nystrom
Elizabeth Ann Daly	Ralph A. Parker
Margaret Ann Downey	Harold Ripley Perkins
Myra Lillian Drew	Frank Martin Rego
George Francis Edlund	Francis Michael Rose
Edna Marie Erickson	Helen Frances Ross
Roy B. Farnham	Edith Amollia Ryberg
Frances Mary Fozzy	John P. Sharpe
Peter R. Freitas	Virginia I. C. Shepardson
Lorraine Mildred Garcia	Hazel Elizabeth Studley
Albert A. Giordano	Audrey J. Sturges
Priscilla Hayward	Robert J. Sturges
Elsie Emelia Heino	Warren C. Styren
Harold Kenneth Holmes	Mary Ann Viola Syvertsen
Minnetta Howland Holmes	Belmira Constance Vieira
Marian Luella Horton	Barbara Ella Walker
	Phyllis Marie Watson

ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Arthur F. Anderson, Chairman	15A Mechanic Street, North Easton
Telephone 454	Term expires, March, 1940
Mrs. Alice K. Briggs	Center Street, North Easton
Telephone 318	Term expires, March, 1941
Wilfred P. Keith	234 Washington Street, North Easton
Telephone 222-J	Term expires, March, 1942
Roger A. McNamara	Bay Street, Easton
Telephone 355	Term expires, March, 1942
Horace H. Mitchell	Washington Street, South Easton
Telephone 484	Term expires, March, 1941

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gilbert C. Mann

Residence, 13 Spooner Street, North Easton	Telephone 537
Office, Oliver Ames High School Building	Telephone 17

CLERK

Mildred L. Johnson

Residence, 266 Washington Street, North Easton	Telephone 255
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Office Hours: 8:00 to 11:45 a.m.; 1:15 to 5:00 p.m. on school days.

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 m. Monday evenings, 7:00 to 8:00.

Hours during the summer vacation: 9:00 to 11:45 a.m.;
1:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 m. Monday evenings, 7:00 to
8:00.

Educational and employment certificates written at the office
only.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Robert B. Porter, 5 Day Street, North Easton

Telephone 27

SCHOOL NURSE

GRACE M. MURCH, R. N.

Office, Oliver Ames High School Building

Telephone 17

Office Hours: 8:15 to 8:35 a.m. and 1:00 to 1:15 p.m.

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Alfred H. Dahlborg, 209 Main Street, North Easton

Telephone 346

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term	January 2, 1940, to February 16, 1940
Spring Term	February 26, 1940, to April 18, 1940
Summer Term	April 29, 1940, to June 21, 1940
Fall Term	Opens September 4, 1940

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

High School Building, first Monday evening of each month
at 7:30 o'clock.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

OLIVER AMES JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

1939

SCHOOL REPORT

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Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of Ap'tm't	Yrs. of Teach- ing
Gilman H. Campbell	Principal Mathematics	Bowdoin College, A. B. Harvard University, M. Ed.	1927-9	35
Leon A. Regan	Prob. of Democracy Ass't Principal Mathematics	Mass. Agricultural College, B. S. Boston University, M. Ed.	1927-9	14
Janet E. Collins	Guidance Music	Lowell State Teachers College, B. S. American Institute of Normal Methods Boston University, B. S.	1937-9	2
Anna C. Craig	Art English	Harvard University (Summer) Salem State Teachers College, B. S. ***Boston University	1934-9	5
Catherine M. Dennen	Commercial	Franklin State Teachers College, B. S. Boston University, B. S. Harvard University (Summer)	1937-9	4
Ruth G. Grant Kathryn E. Healey	Household Arts Civics Mathematics	Hyannis State Teachers College (Summer) Salem Normal, B. S. *Boston University	1935-9 1936-9	4 3
Veronica E. Honohan	Commercial	Boston City Training Course for Teachers of Mechanic Arts ***Boston University	1932-9	10
*Charles E. MacLeod	Practical Arts	Fitchburg Normal (Summer) Mass. Institute of Technology (Summer) ***University of Maine	1931-9	8
John C. Mason	History	Boston University, B. S. Boston University, M. Ed. Tufts College, A. B. Boston University, A. M.	1935-10	13
Helen G. Murray	Latin Mathematics		1931-9	11

TOWN OF EASTON

1939

Where Educated

University of New Brunswick, A. B.
 ***University of London (England)
 ***University of Maine (Summer)
 ***Harvard University
 Columbia University (Summer)
 Boston University, A. B.
 Simmons College, B. S.
 Harvard University (Summer)
 Salem Normal
 Bryant College
 Simmons College (Summer)
 ***Boston University
 Western State Teachers College, B. S.
 ***Boston University
 Mass. State College (Summer)
 University of New Hampshire, A. B.
 McGill University (Summer)
 Northeastern University, B. Ch. E.
 Harvard University, M. Ed.
 Asbury College, A. B.

Subject
or Grade

English

English

Commercial

Science

French
English
Sub-Master
Science
History
Geography

NORTH EASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Principal
(Grades 5 and 6, P. M.)
6

5 and 6
(J. H., P. M.)
5

Johanna G. McFadden
 Mary V. Harvey
 Aileen E. Carpenter
 Mary A. O'Connell

1922-9 17
 1922-9 18
 1937-9 3
 1898-1 41½

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of Ap'tm't	Yrs. of Teaching
Astrid Nyquist	4	Bridgewater Normal ***Hyannis Normal ***Boston University	1928-9	12
Gladys T. Thomas	3 and 4	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B. S.	1939-10	1
Mabel M. Leach	3	Easton Training ***Boston University	1904-3	38
Letitia Bird	2	Easton Training Harvard University (Summer)	1896-9	43
Louise E. Canegaly	1	Easton Training Hyannis Normal (Summer)	1904-9	35
Ruby L. Barrows	1	Symond's Kindergarten ***Emerson College	1902-4	38
*Doris W. Leach	Kindergarten	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1926-9	13
Ellen M. Timms	Special Class	Salem State Teachers College, B. S. Hyannis State Teachers College (Summer)	1938-9	3

SOUTH EASTON SCHOOL

Anabelle P. Newman	Principal	Manchester City Training	1920-2	30
Adelaide W. Johnson	1 and 2			
Elouise G. Sherman	3 and 4	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B. S.	1936-9	3
	5 and 6	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B. S.	1933-10	6

EASTONDALE SCHOOL

Florence M. Harris	Principal	Farmington Normal (Maine) Hyannis Normal (Summer)	1929-9	13 ½
	5 and 6	***Boston University		
Irene E. Tait	3 and 4	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B. S.	1939-9	0
		Wheelock School ***Wheaton College		
Mildred J. O'Connor	1 and 2	Framingham Normal School ***Boston University	1929-1	11

EASTON FURNACE SCHOOL

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated	Date of Ap'tm't	Yrs. of Teaching
Caroline D. Belcher	Principal	***Bridgewater Normal	1921-9	26
Jeannette W. Parmenter	1, 2 and 3 4, 5 and 6	Hyannis Normal (Summer) Bridgewater State Teachers College, B. S. 1935-9 University of Vermont (Summer)		4

UNIONVILLE SCHOOL

Edith V. Goff	1 to 5	Taunton High School Hyannis Normal (Summer)	1922-9	21
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POQUANTICUT SCHOOL

Viola M. Geddes	1 to 4	Castine Normal School (Maine)	1936-9	6
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SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Marietta Canan		***Boston University	1937-9	2
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SUBSTITUTES

Mary E. Williams		***Boston University Bridgewater Normal		
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*Paid in full by Oakes Ames Fund (excepting Retirement Fund contributions).
 **Paid in part by Oakes Ames Fund.
 *** Attended without graduating.

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

Alfred H. Dahlborg
 Willard F. Burt
 Hjalmar E. Johnson
 Thore Pearson
 Everett A. Dunn
 Dexter Ewell
 Carrie M. Smith
 George M. Buck

Junior-Senior High School
 Junior-Senior High School
 North Easton Grammar School
 South Easton School
 Union School
 Eastondale School
 Unionville School
 Poquanticut School

1924-11
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 1924-12

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